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Taking the

off 'little

saucepan?

At the risk of being censured by the Welsh Rugby Union, The Times is in a position to undermine one of the great weapons used with devastating effect to ensure that 18 years have clapsed since England last woo at the National

last won at the National Stadium, in Cardiff.

When the red shirts of Wales are in full flight, pressing in-exorably towards the enemy

line, or when they are desper-ately defending their own posi-tion, their supporters lift them to greater efforts with rousing songs.

On more than one occasion 40,000 voices singing "Bread of Heaven" or "Calon Lan" have infused the extra adrenalin required to inspire the team.to

snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Pundits estimate that

the atmosphere at the National Stadium is worth six points to

One song, however, stands out above all others as the great battle cry of the valley men.

It is "Sospan Fach", the war hymn of the principality. As

its refrain sweeps down from the great stadium on to the field it saps the determination of even the strongest opposi-

Few things are more emotive

than the sight of grown men, with tears in their eyes, stand-

ing ramrod straight and strain-ing their longs to sing "Sospan Fach". Surely its words must reflect the very soul of Wales. Alas, it is a confidence trick

on a massive scale, its secret kept until now by the fact that

it is sung in Welsh. The words of this elixir, translated, go

Mary Anne's finger is a hurting, And David the servant isn't

The baby in the crib is crying.
And the car has scratched little
Johnny.
Little saucepan boiling on the

fire, Big saucepan boiling on th

floor, And the cat has scratched little

Johnny.

Is is rather as if the English

supporters attempted to put steel into their team at Twick-

enham with a rousing chorus of "Mary bod a little lamb."

of "Mary bod a little lamb."

"Sospan Fach", of course, has a fine history, for it was penned in the last century by the notable Welsh poet, Richard Davies, whose hardic name was Mynyddog. It was performed for the litts time by a student from University College of North Wales, Bangor, in 1673, to an audience of workers from Llanelli on holiday in Llanewryd Wells, and has endured wish upfailing popularity ever

wish unfailing popularity ever

since.
The English team arrived in the un-

Cardiff yesterday in the un-usual position of being regar-

ded by every expert, with the exception of the 2,750,000 in

Wales, as favourites to win Saturday's game. As holders of

the triple crown and the grand

slam, they must have an excel-lent chance of defeating a Welsh ream depleted of its

superstars and facing a crisis of

Tomorrow's game is shaping

up to be a classic, and it may

require more than the informa-tion that Mary Anne's finger

is a-hurting to enable the Welsh

confidence.

From Tim Jones

shine

Large fall in inflation rate expected this month

The Treasury expected a large fall in the rate of inflation this month, Sir Geoffrey Howe said in defence of his economic policies in the Commons 01.237 724 vesterday. There were signs that the world recession would bottom out in 1981, and business CHESTERIO confidence was already reviving. A record strength 1.50 50 number of new small businesses was expected to be set up in the United Kingdom this year.

Confidence reviving, **Chancellor says**

 $0.6739^{\circ}\,\mathrm{52H}$ By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

Maintaining the air of optimism generated by senior mini-sters in recent days, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, predicted in the Commons yesterday that the 2012-11 PTO: worst of the recession was over on 252 560 and that the Treasury expected a large fall this month policies".
in the rate of inflation.

But the
The Chancellor reiterated that did not a

HELLH CARD! the Government would not be driven off its monetarist course; all else had to give way to the priority of bringing down inflation.

Opening for the Government in the first economic debate of 1981 and rejecting an Oppoor 1981 and rejecting an Oppo-sition motion calling for the abandonment of his "disas-trous" economic and moneta-rist policies, Sir Geoffrey told a somewhat sceptical Commons that the Government's successes were becoming increasingly apparent. Many forecasters expected single-figure inflation to

be reached during the year.
Insisting that the Government
must stick to its present policies and that the nation was seeing the first signs of their success, the Chancellor said that only responsible control of public spending would allow the lower interest rates that were being demanded.

There were good signs that
the world recession would
bottom-out in 1981 and there
was already the start of a
recovery in business confidence. There was also evidence, Sir output was coming to an end and that new businesses were establishing themselves; a record number were expected

The Chancellor said that unemployment was likely to go on rising for some time and that there was a long and difficult period of adjustment

In spite of Sir Geoffrey's sighting of a rosier future, it was soon clear from backbench interventions that there is still Conservative rank and file. At one point, when he tried to ridicule the call from Mr Peter Shore, Labour's new shadow Chancellor, for a dramatic change of policy away from

sction in the water and sewer-

voted unanimously to take action over the employers' re-

fusal to increase their offer of

a 7.9 per cent pay rise. The General and Municipal

Workers Union has about 20,000 of the 32,000 manual

water workers and yesterday's

vote by delegates representing about 3,500 workers in Birming-

ham and the West Midlands means that votes have been

cast for industrial action on

behalf - of 8,000 GMWU

members,

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monetarism, by quoting from a Chinese newspaper, the discom-fiture on the Tory benches was almost as evident as the jeers

from the Opposition.

While Sir Geoffrey was asserting that it would be crazy for the Government to change course. Mr Shore was express-ing "grave alarm" at its ing "grave alarm a damaging

But the alarm of Mr Shore did not appear to be reflected on the Labour backbenches. Only 36 Opposition MPs turned out to hear their new economic spokesman. However, although the depurture of Mr Denis Healey from Labour's Treasury orchestra was like exchanging a big bass drum for a flute, Mr Shore's tune was much the

The gloom and doom was as before, though not thrust down. the nation's throat with the same bombast. The country was entering a new and far more dangerous phase and the economy was lurching from stag-

nation to actual decline.

Referring to the appointment of Professor Alan Walters as the Prime Minister's new economic adviser, Mr Shore suggested that that could herald the most expensive and dangerous period for any nation since Rasputin won the ear of the Empress of Russia. The economy could not be run, except to destruction, by the obsessive pursuit of M3 or any other monetary harlot that the Financial Secretary decided to woo.

Mr Shore called for "a sub-

stantial and well judged increase" in public spending on roads, housing and other infrastructure programmes. The country was on the road to ruin, he said, and the only question was how much more would be inflicted this stubborn, myopic and divisive Covernment was forced to alter course.

The opposition amendment was rejected by 304 votes to

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Budget day

further 3,500 workers vote for action

action in the water and sewerage industry grew last night
when leaders of a large section of the membership of the
dominant union in the industry
the decisions of the London

Budget day will be Tuesday, March 10, Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the Commons, announced yesterday.

Threat of national water strike grows as

of industrial action have been the North-east and the South-

the decisions of the London and Southern region delegates.

Those areas, with the Bir-mingham and West Midlands

region, account for about half of the union's membership in the industry. It is widely expected that those regions will also support industrial action and the National Union of Public Employees with about the

lic Employees, with about ten thousand members in the water

industry, is also expected to vote for industrial action.

be called will rest with the

Whether a national strike will

Other areas to vote in favour trade union perotiators who are

Prior plea for closer links with industry By Paul Routledge Labour Editor The Government opened the

The Government opened the debate on trade union legal immunities yesterday with a Green Paper that canvasses many proposals for more restrictions on union power but puts the likelihood of any further legislation well into the next against session.

parliamentary session.

Introducing his department's discussion paper, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, made an un-expected plea for closer rela-tionships between the Cabinet and organized labour.

"The continuing absence of a

well defined, stable, and acceptable relationship between government on the one hand and trade unions and employers associations on the other has contributed to damaging dissension, he said.

The minister wants all interested parties "to consider how this gap can be filled" and welcomes their views on that issue as well as on the 40,000word Green Paner which presents a thorough discussion of all the options on trade union immunities but makes no hard and fast recommendations. Six months have been allowed for making representations to the Government.

Many of the right-wing nostrums advanced since the passage of the Employment.
Act, 1980, for curbing trade union militancy are damaed with faint praise in the Green Paper. It concludes that without some legal protection it would be impossible for trude unions to organize industrial action without risk of civil proceed ings. "The debate therefore is about the nature and limits of that legal protection."

Paris, Jan 15
The French Army and Navy
are standing by to evacuate
French citizens from Libya and

Chad as relations between France and the Tripoli regime deteriorate rapidly.

The French Mediterranean fleet is on alert and ready to put to sea for Libya, although the Ministry of Defence today refused to the process of the control of the ministry of Defence today refused to any that

refused to say that any special preparations were being made.

Life jail for

Byrne, aged 33, to one.
The court was told that Mr

Michael Naan aged 31, a farmer, and Mr Andrew Murray,

aged 24, a labourer, were stabled a total of 30 times on a farm near Newtownbuller in

co Fermanagh in October, 1972.

Mr Naan was killed because he had been "uncooperative" with

the soldiers' pairol, and that Mr. Murray was murdered because he was a witness.

A former lance-corporal, Mr Isin Chestant, aged 32, was

jailed for four years after admitting the manslaughter of Mr

Captain Andrew Snowball, aged 27, who admitted withhold-

ing information about the killings from the police, was

sentenced to one year's im-prisonment, suspended for two

years. Staff Sergeant Hathaway and

Sergeant Byrne had originally pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Naar and Mr Murray.

Staff Sergeant Hathaway changed his plea to guilty on both counts and Sergeant Byrne changed his plea to guilty of the murder of Mr Murray. The charge against him of murdering Mr Naan was withdrawn.

At the time of the killings,

all four men were serving in the Argyll and Sutherland High-

landers in Northern Ireland

Mr Justice McDermot said the four had not sought to

brazen our the matter in evidence. "In my judgment, your example has been of genuine remorse." But that was no

were arrested in June,

Murray.

The prosecution had said that

Ulster

soldiers

Among the proposals dis-cussed are whether union funds should be at risk for "unlawful acts" committed by union officials and members. It looks at the extent of immunity still enjoyed for "secondary action" and asks whether the law should be tightened still fur-

On picketing the Green Paper is unenthusiastic about tougher

measures. The Green Paper then considers the pros and cons of the Government's taking powers to make strikes unlawful in essential services: It concludes that the experience of the Bettes-hanger miners in 1941 proved that even in warvine it is impossible to prevent strikes alto-gether by making the strikers liable to criminal prosecution.

Finelly, Mr Prior's department takes the discussion into unchartered territory with a consideration of the effect that a complete shift in labour law from immunities to positive rights, including a right to strike, might have. It would be a "formidable task" to make such a fundamental change in the law, and the Government asks: "Would a system of positive rights contribute to an improvement in industrial rela-

The immediate reaction of Mr Len Murray, TUC general sec-retary, was that the Government was attempting to "exhume stale ideas" so as to distract attention from its economic The CBI welcomed the docu-

due to meet on February 3, but there is a strong feeling among rank and file union

members that the best way to prosecute the dispute would be

Mr Edmund Newall, GMWU national industrial officer for

water, said that yesterday's decision by Midlands delegates

"clearly demonstrated that the

employers' views that a stop-page was remote was both mis-judged and dangerously com-

that the trade unions have been

placed in this position by the blanket refusal of the em-

ployers' side to enter real nego-

"The public must be told

through a national strike.

Green Paper, page 4 Leading article, page 13

Naval officers said all leave had been cancelled and war-ships were taking on board a full load of ammunition and supplies, Reuter reports from Toulon.] cent holding. France's ambivalent attitude to Libya, however, was epitom-ized yesterday by the fact that In the Central African Repubfifth fast patrol boat for the lic the French garrison, which was doubled in strength at the Libyan navy was launched in Cherbourg in the presence of a

prospect in Libya.

The board of Elf-Aquitaine last night agreed to postpone the contract. The French Government is the company's main shareholder with a 67 per cent badding.

But apart from putting the armed forces on alert the only positive action the French Government has taken is to ask

Elf-Aquitaine, the state-control-

large Libyan delegation. Since France roundly con-demosed the merger between Libya and Chad and hegan sending troops to Africa, the French Embassy in Tripoli has been the targer for demonstrations and

target for demonstrations and there is growing concern for the safety of the 1,800 French citizens working in Libya.

Colonel Gaddefi said yesterday that he would keep his troops in Chad for as long as was necessary and certainly until such time as France withdrew its troops from the Central led oil company, to delay implementing its new contract to drew its troops from the Central

African Republic. Any aggression against the frontiers of Chad, he said, would be regarded as an attack against Libvan territory.

Although reassured by condemnation given by

French armed forces on alert against Libya in Lomé, Togo, to the merger with Chad, France still sees the merger as a real military and diplomatic setback. It means the failure of its attempt begun 11 years ago to keep Libya in the Western camp by selling it

100 Mirage jets. Referendum move: Libya and Chad will not decide to merge their two countries before the question has been put to the

people of Chad in a referendum, Tripoli radio said today. Yesterday the Organization of African Unity condemned Libya's proposed merger with Chad and demanded immediate withdrawal Libyan forces.—Agence France-

Presse and Reuter.

Bokassa shadows, page 9

Nine airmen

saved after

crash in sea

Ediaburgh
Nine Dusch airmen were
rescued, vesterday ofter their
recommissance aircraft cashed
west of Islay 125 miles out in
the North Atlantic, The bodies
of three other crew members

from the naval patrol aircraft were also recovered by British

helicopters.

A Mayday signal was picked

up by a civilian aircraft flying between Shannon and Prest-wick. The pilot of the Dutch

aircraft, reported control diffi-culties caused by icing. Reports suggested that the Dutch aircraft had been shadow-

ing the Russian aircraft carrier, Kiev, which was steaming with escorts about 250 miles west

An RAF Nimrod sircraft sighted two life-rafts with survivors and guided two Royal

Naval helicopters to the scene.

The survivors were flown to

of the crash scene.

Overwhelming support for Haig nomination From David Cross

A Rome policeman helping Judge Giovanni D'Urso to emerge from under blankets in the car

where his Red Brigades kidnappers left him bound and gagged yesterday. Report page 7

Washington, Jan 15
After the longest hearing of

Two Army sergeants were jailed for life at Belfast Crown Court yesterday after they admitted murdering civilians in Northern Ireland.

Staff Sergeant Stanley Hathaway, aged 36, pleaded guilty to two killings and Sergeant John Byrne, aged 33 to one. its kind in American history, members of the Senate Foreign-Relations Committee today gave their overwhelming support to Mr Alexander Haig as Secretary of State in the proposed Reagan Administration. Fifteen members of the com-

mittee approved the nomina-tion, including many Democrats who were originally reluctant to endorse the most controver-sial of Mr Reagan's Cabinet nominees. Only the two most liberal Democrats on the committee-Senator Paul Sarbanes. of Maryland, and Senator Paul Tsongas, of Massachuserts-voted against Mr Haig's suit-ability

Explaining their views before today's vote, the two dissent-ing senators said that in spite of Mr Haig's impressive perormance at the hearing, he had failed to remove all their doubts about his moral commirments". This was a reference to Mr Haig's tenure of office as White House Chief of Staff to President Nixon during the final days of the

Watergate scandal. The two senators prompted Mr Haig to lose his temper on one occasion earlier this week when they pressed him repeatedly to spell out the rights and wrongs of the Water-gate era. Regaining his composure, Mr Haig finally conceded on that occasion that Watergate had been "stupid, illegal and immoral", but he stremuously denied any personal wrong-

But even Senators Sarbanes and Tsongas conceded that Mr Haig had the potential to be a "great" Secretary of State. Mr Tsongas described Mr Haig as "extraordinary man, capable, intelligent, tough, prag-matic and with a sense of his-tory". His disapproval should excuse.

be regarded as a signal of Unmasked by conscience, page 2 vigilance about Mr Haig's

future leadership of the State Department, he said. Other Democratic senators like Senator Alan Crauston of

California and Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware seemed to agree with the country's need for a tough Secretary at the head of the State Department. From their concluding com-ments today they would prob-ably have endorsed former President Nixon's view on being told of Mr Haig's nomination that he would make a "hell of a Secretary of State". Mr Nixon described Mr Haig as "the

meanest toughest, most ambi-In fact during five long days of hearings on Capitol Hill, Mr Haig disclosed a remarkable knowledge of all facets of foreign policy, including such relatively esoteric areas as international economics and finance. He also satisfied many of the more moderate Democratic members of the committee by

appearing less hawkish towards the Soviet Union than they had originally feared. The Secretary of State-designate summed up his views of the job at the end of yesterday's final hearing: "We all share the same objective. A strong America working with honour

and grace". Although there had been some "sharp exchanges" be-tween bimself and members of the committee during the hearings, this appearance on Capito Hill had been " an extraordinary experience and a special educa-

non", he said.

Before toda; s vote, Senator Charles Percy, the Republican chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that he had asked his colleague, Sena-tor Howard Baker, who is now Republicen Leader of the Upper House, to give priority to Mr Haig when a final vote on all Mr Reagan's Continued on page 8, col 6

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Walesa union gains the Pope's support

The Pope has received Mr Lech Walesa, the Polish Solidarity trade union leader, at the head of a delegation of 15, and expressed his support for the union, emphasizing, however that it must remain non-political. Trade unions he went on, "must not be the instrument for action by anyone, by any political party". The Pope concluded by recommending courage, but also prudence and moderation. Mr Walesa has accepted an invitation by West German trade unions to visit West Germany in Page 8

Offer may be revived

In the hope of ending the Merchant Navy dispute, shipowners are preparing to revive their 12 per cent final offer to the seamen two days after it was officially withdrawn. The KNIGHTSSAIDS union responsé is that such an offer (continued on as) must not be diminished by arbitary overtime reductions Page 2 overtime reductions

Iran replies to US on hostages

The Iranian reply to the latest United States proposals concerning the freeing of the American hostages was sent to Algiers, where Mr Warren Christopher, the Deputy Secretary of State was standing by. The reply has been described as Page 8

US defence budget

President Carter proposed a defence budget totalling about £78,767m for the forthcoming financial year. That is in line with his promise to increase military spending by 5 per cent in real terms. Analysts believe the. figures should not be taken too

City election inquiry

Members of the City of London Corporation are examining election procedures for aldermen and councillors after allegations of irregularities. There is particular concern about the rule which allows partners in the largest private companies to place their vote in wards where the firms Page 5

Civil Service unions Drug man's death ready for strikes

Strike plans have been drawn up by union leaders of more than 500,000 white collar civil servants in anticipation of a refusal by the Government to offer them pay rises of more than about 6 per cent. The action would include a short national strike and a compaign at government computer operations

£106m bid for UDT

United Dominions Trust (UDT), one of Britain's largest hire purchase and finance groups, which ran into diffi-culties during the secondary banking crisis in the mid-1970s, has received a £106m takeover offer from Lloyds & Scottish, a competitor group con-trolled jointly by Lloyds Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland Page 17

Corsicans end fast

Six Corsican autonomists have decided to end their hunger strike in prison after the French Court of State Security ruled that they would be tried in their absence on charges of kidnapping and belonging to an armed band Page 7

Simply as a matter of business, a drug syndicate had to die, a jury was told at Lancaster Crown Court. The man's body, it was stated, was found in a quarry with the hands cut off and a wound in his stomach Page 4

Yacht sold: A Swiss passer by bought Sir Francis Chichester's Gypsy Moth III for £30,000 on a London pave-

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Union leaders draw up plan for strike by 500 civil servants to challenge Government curb on pay

forms of industrial action that would pose the most comprehensive challenge so far to the Government's attempts to curtail pay rises for public sector workers.

Broad outlines of the unions' plans encompass a short-term national strike by all the nine unions, which will probably last for one day or two half days, after which there would be a campaign of action primarily nimed at government opera-

Areas to be disrupted by longer-term selective strikes are likely to include government computer centres such as those concerned with value-added tax. Such action could have a serious effect on the Government's financial planning and the public sector borrowing

A third phase of action may be unannounced walkouts; pro-

of pay increases of between 15 and 20 per cent. The unions believe they will be offered about 6 per cent.

The unions have also been angered by the Government's decision to make cash limits the criterion for settling pay increases for civil servants this spring instead of the pay research exercise that compares the pay of civil servants with that of employees doing similar jobs in private industry.

Final 'decisions have yet to be taken, but the unions are aiming to launch a strike fund of at least £3m to finance the industrial action. Several of the unions have

large reserves and some are ordering a levy on their members to raise additional finance in recognition of the fact that

By David Felton
Labour Reporter
Union leaders representing more than 500,000 white collar civil servants have drawn up plans for strikes and other plans for strikes and plans for strikes and plans for strikes and plans for strikes and other plans for strikes and other plans for strikes and plans for strikes and plans for strikes and other plans for strikes and plans f Civil and Public Services Asso-ciation and the Society of Civil and Public Servants, are to hold one-day conferences this month to discuss pay. The conferences are expected to endorse the moves for indus-

trial action. rial action.

Pay negotiations, which the unions expect to be of a superficial nature in view of the Prime Minister's statement last year that cash limits will be the basis on which Civil Service pay increases are awarded, are expected to start early next

mouth.

Mr William Kendall, secretary-general of the Council of Civil Service Unions, which is the umbrella body for the nine unions, said last night that the aim of the action would be to secure a reasonable settlement for this year and a settled sys-tem of pay negotiations for

later years.

"I think it is inevitable that there will be industrial action by civil servants this year, and the fault will lie not with us but with the Government, he said.



One of the nine survivors from the Dutch aircraft which crashed into the Atlantic being taken to Altnageluin Hospital, in Londonderry, vesterday. The hospital said they were doing well.

will show a majority in favour

vival plan did not succeed then

The Sheffield ISTC sources said that 73 per cent of local steelmen had voted against "proposition two" of the union's ballot, which asked: "Do you endorse the corporate plan, which will create at least

They had also voted against Reports from other steel

A conscience betrayed killers

A former soldier with a troubled conscience was so horrified by a killing in Hudder-field was horrified by a killing in Hudder-field that he gave police a tip-off in May, 1978, that led to the solving of two gruesome murder mysteries in Ulster six years earlier.

One of the names given to death in Huddersfield. After the young girl's death he felt he had to tell somebody. Are no time were Hathaway, Byrne or Chestnur questioned, or even suspected of murders after a violent argument with In England, the detective with Naan.

The leads pointed to soldiers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who in 1972, the most violent year in Northern Ireland's recent history, had been camping in south-east

For the man thought he re-cognized similarities between the murder of a prostitute Helen Rytka, in Huddersfield and the deaths of a farmer, Mr Mickey Naan, aged 31, and his labourer, Mr Andrew Murray, aged 24, in co Fermanagh. Police in Huddersfield passed the information he gave to Ulster detectives, who had vir-tually given up hope of solving

the murders.

The tipster, speaking with a Scottish accent, said the killings were by men he once pat-rolled with in Northern Ireland. Mr Naan and Mr Murray were found dead on Mr Naan's 50-acre farm near Newtownbutler, two miles from the border with co Cavan. Protestant who he is, and as far as they extremists, avenging the kill-ing of a part-time UDR man on a neighbouring farm, were blamed. Until the call from Huddersfield, the RUC agreed with the theory.

ground while he was knifed. Also caught was an officer who covered up the affair, Captain Andrew Snowball, aged

27, then a second lieutenant. Captain Snowball had suscaptain Showball had suspected that his platoon commander, Staff Sergeant Hathaway, and the other two, Sergeant John Byrne, aged 33, and
Lance Corporal Iain Chestnut,
were involved in the killings.
But he decided not to voice his suspicions for the sake of the

regiment's reputation.
According to Belfast detectives, the tipster now lives in fear of vengeznce by other former members of the regi-

A senior detective said: "I am sure some of them know who he is, and as far as they

According to friends, Mr But it took the best part of Naan was a civil rights activist a year and a national police and not, as the Army had sussearch before he was caught. Eventually trapped as well were his two accomplices, who pinned hir Marray, the only witness, to the ordered his marray that are larger and more than 20 000 times and more than 20 000 times and more than 20 000 times and more than 20 000 times. vince and more than 20,000 soldiers were stationed there. The Argylis camped near Mr Naan's farm for a couple of days. The night before they left, Mr Naan's body was found in a byre and Mr Murray's in a slurry pir nearby. Both had been brutally stabbed in the heart and chest, Mr Nasn 17 times and Mr Murray 13.

Then, more than five years later, detectives got their first The Ulster detectives worked

with two Army Special Investi-gation Branch men, who pro-duced a list of more than 300 names of Argylls who had served in Ulster. With the exception of Chest-

nut, who was working as an assistant oil rieger, the other three were still in the Army. Hathaway, then serving in West Germany, told his interrogators: "I did the kilunder enormous pressure."

He believed that the Ulster lings. I killed them. I have been killings were connected with the having nightmares about it.".

Retired headmaster wins libel action

of the Duchy of Lancaster and views would be taken into Leader of the House of Comaccount when the committee considered the Bill Mr Michael Foot, Leader of mons, yesterday agreed to con-sider a request that the sider a request that the Nationality Bill, which has come under attack by immigrants' the Opposition, has argued that and civil rights groups, should be the subject of the new pro-cedure being introduced for the Nationality Bill is a constitutional measure and that therefore all stages must be taken on the floor of the House. But as a "fall-back" position many Labour MPs say that the Eill

has decided that selected Bills should be subject to an open examination before the committee stage begins. The standing committee aptaken sounds pointed to examine the Bill of all parties.

As an experiment the House

some Government Bills.

By Our Political Correspondent would hold three sittings, where individuals and organizations of the Duchy of Lancaster and could put their views. Those

should be the subject of the new public hearing procedure. Mr Pym will give the Goveroment's view after he has taken soundings among MPs

Business vote plan aired

rise in tax 'take'

Realization that unchanged

tax rates can mean an increase in the tax "take" by the

Government at last dawned vesterday on Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, and other Labour MPs.

The report in The Times on

Tuesday explaining that likeli-hood as a result of the Govern-

ment's determination not to raise the rates of personal income tax had earlier been used by Mr Foot to taunt Mrs

Margaret Thatcher over possible "leaks". He then took it to mean "that there is to be no.

increase in income tax in the

next Budget ".
Yesterday Mr Foot, newly apprised, asked Mrs Thatcher at

question time in the Commons to agree that the Government

had, in spite of income tax cuts,

increased the overall real burden of taxation since it came

into office.

Mrs Thatcher did not have

to agree, since the fact had been

stated by Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Trea-

sury, in his speech at Zurich on Wednesday, which she praised as "intelligent".

By Our Business News Staff

Twenty small Japanese motor

The corporation, faced with

the need to compete with the private sector and the host of dispatch riders operating in

London, is trying to beat them

The "Motor Cycle Express-post" using radio-controlled

post" using radio-controlled machines, is intended to pro-vide collection within 30

Nationality Bill

at their own game.

cycles will take to the streets of London in the spring to herald the latest service being launched by the Post Office.

Radio-linked motor cycles

Public hearing possible for

to speed PO mail service

By Fred Emery Political Editor

The Prime-Minister remarked that there had been no increase

in personal income tax; the

Government had increased its

However, a group of Labour backbenchers belatedly dis-covering from Tuesday's new-poper reports that the Government was contemplating

not raising personal allowances in line with inflation protested that that was "as straightforward a tax increase as it is possible to have"

Indicating, perhaps, their own initial reading, they chose to complain that the headlines over the reports had been misleading. A commons early day

motion sponsored by Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby, asserted that The Times, the Financial Times and

The Guardian "appear to have been victims of government news management on a massive

scale . . . using headlines, repeated extensively by the

BBC, giving the impression that the Government have

ruled out personal income tax

increases."

In fact, The Times headline read "Personal tax rates in escape Budget increase".

minutes of a telephone request, and delivery within two hours, throughout the London area. The radio will enable cus-

tomers' requests for collection of mail to be transmitted to

The ennouncement is the

latest in a series of moves de-

signed to make the posts and giro side of the Post Office more competitive with the ser-

vices which the private sector

will be allowed to offer after

legislation has been approved by Parliament.

motor cycles on the road.

sible to have".

take" in indirect taxes.

By Our Political Editor

opened yesterday by the Prime Minister, somewhat to the mystification of ministers.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, at question time, ventured that "the rating system is under review", and that the lack of a vote for businesses and commerce "certainly needs having a look at.".

The Conservatives have for

abolishing the rates system The question of restoration yet circumstances and tin of the business vote in local have always thwarted them. enthusiasm by admitting that the party's manifesto had not indicated that the rates could be abolished during the life

time of this Parliament. Ministers could not diately explain the Prime Minister's reference to a review. They explained that the Government's economic inherit-ance from Labour had made it impractical to contemplate the been talking about reform in this Parliament.

Shipowners may revive 'final' offer

By Paul Routledge Shipping employers are pre paring to revive their 12 per cent "final" pay offer to union leaders of the striking seamen only two days after it was officially withdrawn.

That was made clear yester-

day by senior negotiators of the General Council of British Shipping who were responding suggestions in the media that the offer might prove acceptable to the National Union of Seamen if it was

reshuffled.

But officials of the NUS
were sceptical last night that were sceptical last night that such an offer would be accepted unless it could be proved that at least 12 per cent would be paid, and not partially clawed back by arbitrary reductions in overtime, aboard ship.

The hint of a shift in the employers' attitude came after a meeting of the general council's industrial relations committee, when the shipowners'

mittee, when the shipowners' chief negotiator, Mr Roderick McLeod, said: "We do not rule out the possibility of a return to 12 per cent in future pay

negotiations."
Meanwhile, Mr James Slater general secretary of the NUS, told a mass meeting of seamer in Hull that the dispute would end if the shipowners were prepared to go to arbitration. The employers, while ready to reopen talks about the pos-

per cent offer, insist that the offer is final. New Orleans—A British grain carrier, Federal Clyde, remained anchored in the Mississippi yesterday, her 16 seamen on strike and her officers refusing

sible distribution of their

them access to hot food.

The crew said officers raised the anchor and manned the wheel without the assistance of seamen. They were later told after they had declared a full strike that galley stoves were out of bounds. The captain was said to have cancelled an order for steaks listed in provisions.

Steelmen reject BSC 'survival plan'

Steelworkers in the industry's largest union are understood to have voted "No" to the British Steel Corporation's "survival plan", involving 22,000 redun-

dancies. Unofficial but reliable reports from the Sheffield area last night indicated that South Yorkshire steelmen, who are among the most militant, had registered a 73 per cent rejection of the closure programme in a ballot conducted by the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC).

That result ties in with reports filtering in from other steelmaking areas that despite acceptance of nearly 1,000 job cuts at Port Talbot and Llanwern last week, the steel process workers are showing loyalty to the union rather than to Mr Ian MacGregor, the corporation's

The outcome of a rival ballot of the entire BSC workforce is

of its package of job and pro-On Thames Television's TV

Eye programme last night, Mr MacGregor said that if the surthe industry would face "very substantially harsher deci-sions" by the middle of this year. The industry had not

een efficient until recently.

22,000 further redundancies? the corporation's proposal of a voluntary pay freeze until July 1, followed by 7 per cent wage

making areas with less firm figures have supported that of the entire BSC workforce is general outcome, which will due to be announced soon and pose a serious dilemma for the the corporation expects that it British Steel management,

Workers end restrictions

From Ronald Kershaw

Workers at one of Sheffield's leading special steels and engineering companies have taken the unusual step of calling an end to shop floor restrictive practices. They hope to help the company through the recession and at the same time avoid redundancies.

The management of Firth Brown, which has welcomed the move, believes that the new attitude will bring in work when

orders are low. The initiative came from the company's joint shop stewards committee, which obtained an agreement at a mass meeting for a ban on almost all operat-ing restrictions among the 400 men in the company's machine

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for next week.

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shop stewards' chairman, said last night: "We want to foster a better attitude of mind and create a greater awareness of the acute situation the industry "Restrictive practices have

crept in over the years. We are asking the man who has an order to work on, to get it through, even though some of his workmates may be laid Newspaper allegations about Roderick Llewellyn, had been the school and those respontings at Hawtreys, the at school ar Hawtreys and he sible might even be prosecuted, boys' preparatory school in alleged that they had both been At Hawtreys the beatings were

Mr Michael Goodeve-Docker, headmaster of the school for many years, now retired, and his wife, accepted substantial damages in settlement of their libel action against News Group Newspapers and Mr David

The two complained of reminiscences by Mr Llewellyn in three articles in the News of the World Jast January. Llewellyn and his brother. Mr

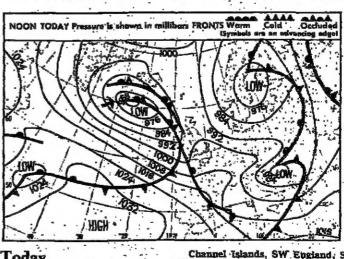
said that the news paper article on January 27 stated: "There was a huge fuss last year when he (Mr Roderick Llewellyn) said in the course of a woman's magazine article that he had been beaten at prep school until the blood ran down his legs. Critics said that this obviously untrue.

"In fact it was true . . . if children were now thrashed in the way Roddy and I were, they would be taken away from

wikshire, were monstrous and untrue, Mr Justice Stocker was told in the High Court yester. Mrs Goodeve-Docker, of Recday. The bead master, Mr Michael Goodeve-Docker, of Recday. Somewhat and the think head master, Mr Michael Goodeve-Docker. Court yester tory Road, Burhamon-Sea, Court yester tory Road, Burhamon-Sea, Court yester tory Road, Burhamon-Sea, Mr Jisab unwisely relied on Mr Llewellyn's assurance that that

account was true and accurate. They now recognized it was Mr Charles Gray, for the newspaper, said they published the article in good faith on Mr

Llewellyn's assurance that it was accurate. Mr Desmond Browne, for Mr David Llewellyn, apologized and said he accepted that the



Today -59 am Full moon : January 20. Lighting up : 4.53 pm to 7.28.am. Lignung up: 4.53 pm to 7.28.am.
High water: London Bridge, 9.48
am, 6.4m; 10.40 pm, 6.6m. Avonmouth, 2.54 am, 10.5m; 3.40 pm,
11.0m Dover, 6.56 am; 5.8m; 7.42
pm, 5.8m. Hull; 1.54 am, 6.7m;
2.56 pm, 6.5m. Liverpool, 7.27
am, 8.0m; 7.57 pm, 8.3m;
1ft=0.30.8m. 1m=3.2808ft.

Troughs of low pressure will move E across Britain. Apart from snow showers in NE Scofland, most places will start dry, with bright or summy periods in central and E parts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, E England, East
Anglia: Dry at first with stumyperiods, becoming cloudy, with
sleet or snow spreading E, later
turning to rain; wind NW, light,
backing S, increasing to fresh or
strong; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Central S, NW, central England,
Midlands: Dry and bright at first,
cloud spreading E with: sleet or
snow, turning to rain before clearing in evening; wind S, light, increasing to fresh or strong, veering
W; max temp 3° or 4°C (37° to
39°F).

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

Wales: Cloudy with rain, preceded by sleet or snow on hills, clearer with showers later; wind S, fresh, veering W, strong to gale; temp 6° to 9°C (43° to 48°F). N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy, with sleet or snow spreading E, tarming to rain, showers and clear intervals later; wind SE, fresh or strong, veering W; max temp 6°C (43°F).

W; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Lake District, SW Scotland,

Argyll: Dry and bright at first,

cloudy, with sleet or snow spreading E, turning to rain at low
levels, then clearing; wind SE,

strong to gale, veering W; max

temp 3°C (37°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh
and Dundee, Glasgow, Central

Highlands, NW Scotland: Mostly

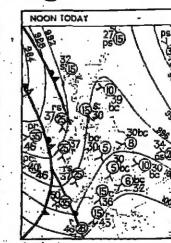
dry with sunny periods, becoming

Highlands, NW Scotland: Mostly dry with sunny periods, becoming cloudy with sleet or suow, heavy falls possible, especially on hills; wind W. backing SE, light, increasing: to strong; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Scattered snow showers, sunny intervals, more cloudy later; wind NW, moderate, becking SE or E, fresh; max temp 1°C or 2°C (34°F to 36°F).

Outlook for tonorrow and Sunday: Sleet or snow in NE at first, otherwise sunny intervals and showers, wintry in N; further rain spreading to SW.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ; l, fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sl, sleet ; sn, snow. Paris C F 43
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Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind NW, backing SW, moderate, increasing to strong, occasionally gale force; sea moderate, becoming rough.
English Channel (E): Wind W to SW, fresh, increasing to gale force; sea moderate; becoming

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, weering W, fresh, increa-ing to gale force; sea moderate, becoming rough.

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5°C (41°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Hamdly, 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 27hr. 6 pm, 27hr.

British group plans £1,730m Channel rail tunnel Thomson have thousands of American holidays for 1981 and it's not too late to book.

Tarmac Ltd, the Midlandbased construction company, emerged yesterday as the first organization to submit detailed plans to the Government for building and operating a Channel tunnel financed by British and foreign private interests. The company, which is work-ing in association with the merchant bankers, Robert Flem-

ing, expects that its scheme could be completed by the year 2000 and would cost £1,730m at today's prices. Based on the Channel tunnel scheme suspended in 1975, the proposals outline the construc-

tion of a two-track rail link between terminals near Folkestone and Frethun, near Calais. The scheme would enable the first trains carrying passengers and goods to be operating within 10 years through a single rail tunnel

The final phase of the project would involve the addition of a second tunnel on the other

side of the service tunnel to allow for two-way traffic." Mr Eric Pountain, chief excu-tive of Tarmac, said vesterday that discussions held with "various organizations in France and elsewhere on the Continent confirmed

ably more expensive than the favourite project which has yet to be submitted to the Govern-ment by British Rail and its French counterpart. That envis-ages a single-track rail tunnel costing about £300m.

Apart from the advantage of two-way rail traffic, Tarmac says it will not not be seeking Mr Norman Fowler, the Sec-

about buyer for 'The Times'

expressed their concern that The Times, The Sunday Times and the weekly supplements might be sold to an owner "al-

East. It said:
This. House is concerned that
Times Newspapers Ltd may be sold
to a buyer already in possession of
substantial press holdings, thus
further diminishing the plurality
of ownership and diversity of
opinion in Fleet Street; calls for
any such bid to be subjected to
stringent examination by the Monopolies Commission; and declares
its support for the sale of The
Times, The Sunday Times and the
suplements to owners who will
maintain the editorial freedom and
independence from other press
empires.

Councils 'defying education Act on handicapped'

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent At least half of the educa-

At least haif of the educa-tion authorities in England and Wales may be breaking the law by failing to provide edu-cation and training for all handicapped people aged 16 to 19 who request it the Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) said yesterday.

That local authorities have a duty under the Education Act. 1944, to make education and training provision for all 16 to 19-year-olds who want it, including the handicapped, has come to light only receptly as come to light only recently as come to light only recently as a result of a parents' action group, formed to fight Oxford-shire's decision because of spending cuts to cease provid-ing education beyond 16 for the mentally handicapped in the south-east of the county from July.

Lasr June the group appealed to Mr Mark Carlisle, the Secre-tary of State, to use his powers to compel the authority to carry out its duty under the law. The Department of Education and Science has told them that it was still making inquiries into the Oxfordshire authority's Oxfordshire authority's

the spending cuts required.

Mr Timothy Brighouse, chief education officer for Oxfordshire, has agreed to attend a public meeting organized by the group next Wednesday.

He has written to the group that the characteristics are the controller.

mentally handicapped young people, and that they hoped to make suitable provision for them in all parts of the county
as foon as money is available.
The advisory centre has writ-

plans.
The parents have also written
to their local MP, Mr Michael
Heseltine, Secretary of State for
the Environment, asking for his
help. He told them it was up to
the individual authority to decide how they were to achieve

soying that the education com-mittee and the officers were sympathetic to the needs of

ten to special schools for the mentally handicapped in 40 education authorities asking if such provision was available for all handicapped young people who requested it.

their interest : Tarmac's scheme is consider-

retary of State for Transport, bas made clear that the Government will not provide any

Mr Fowler is expected to approve a scheme before the end of the year. MPs' concern

A group of Conservative and Labour MPs last night formally

might be sold to an owner "already in possession of substantial press holdings".

A Commons early day motion
was tabled last night and is
sponsored by Mr Phillip Whitehead, Labour MP for Derby,
North, and Mr Jonathan Aitken,
Conservative MP for Thanet,
East. It said:
This House is concerned that

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with coil springs all
round, smooth
the rough:

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Precise.
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saves servicing.
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Drug syndicate member had to die as matter of business, QC says

Lancaster
A leading member of a worldwide drug syndicate had to die simply as a matter of business, it was alleged at Lancaster Crown Court yester-

Marrin Johnstone, a New Zealander, had offended fellow members in the syndicate, which was at war with society. by short changing on money accounts and by diluting heroin supplied to another member, it. shire.

was added.
Mr Michael Maguire, QC,
opening the case for the Crown
against five men accused of Mr Johnstone's murder, said:
"When New Zealand and
Australia grew too hot for the
syndicate they moved to syndicate Britain."

But Mr Johnstone, who had opened the United Kingdom peration, was in the way and fr Maguire continued: "He had to be removed. There was nothing personal about this, it was simply a matter of business. He strode high, wide and handsome throughout the handsome throughout the world, spending his money. Everyone liked him—it was

strictly business."
Mr Maguire said that on
October 14, 1979, two members
of Newton-le-Willows Sub Aqua Club were exploring the waters of Delph Quarry, at Ecclestone, near Chorley, Lancashire.

near choriey, Lancasaire.
One of them, a Mr Ashcroft.
saw at a depth of 25 feet the
naked body of a man, weighted
down, without hands and with a terrible wound in the stomach
The body, which the police
recovered, had the legs tied
together with blue nylon cord,
to which were attached two to which were attached two 14lb weights and two 56lb weights. There was another ber, 1979, Mr Sinclair had piece of cord round the neck made clear to Mr Maher, who and the arms were attached to was a subordinate of Mr John-

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The president of the National

Federation of the Blind has told

the Prime Minister that her reception next Monday to mark

The accused

The five accused of murder are:
Alexander James Sinclair, aged
36, of Stafford Court, Kensington,
London; Andrew Samuel Maher,
aged 27, of Robin Hey, Leyland,
Lancashire; James Smith, aged
23, of Derwood Drive, Livingston,
Lanarkshire; Frederick Charles
Russell, aged 39, of Prince of
Wales Road, Kennish Town,
London; and Keith William Kirby,
aged 27, of Clayton Brook, Lancaaged 27, of Clayton Brook, Lanca-

aged 27, of Clayton Brook, Lancashire.

Like the five men, the six other defendants in the dock are also accused of comraventions of the Misuse of Drugs Act. They are: Jack Kelvin Barday, aged 27, of Briar Close, Pinchley; Errol John Hincksman, aged 32, of High Road, Leyton; Karen Mary Marie Soich, aged 24, of Stafford Court, Kensington; Christopher Scott Blackman, aged 36, of Princess Road, Regent's Park, all London; Kingsley Fagan, aged 27, of Craigneuk, Lavarkshire, and Sylvester Alphonsus Pidgeon, aged 41, of Truro Road, Washbamstow.

Mrs Lelia Constante Barclay, aged 49, of Briar Close, Finchley, has pleaded guilty to conspiring to import and supply controlled drugs contrary to the 1971 Act.

a vehicle jack. The cause of death undoubtedly was the first of two bullets fired into the head at point-blank range with a 38 calibre revolver. The body was identified as that of Mr

Mr Maguire, who said Mr Johnstone was a senior member of the drugs syndicate; con-tinued: "A syndicate at war with society, at war with world society, peddling misery and slow death in New Zealand, Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom". Counsel said that in Septem-ber, 1979, Mr Sinclair had

No 10 reception for disabled 'irrelevant'

zations which is hoping to present Mrs Thatcher with a

resolution calling on the Gov-ernment to fulfil its election promises to disabled people.

The deputation plans to arrive

at 10 Downing Street as the

tone in the hierarchy, that Mr Johnstone had to go. It was the order from the syndicate hoss that Johnstone was to be killed. Maher played the Judas. Mr Maher telephoned to Mr Johnstone in Singapore and told him he had negotiated a drugs deal in Scotland and that the people involved wanted Mr Johnstone's personal attend-ance. That was a ite and a charade, counsel added, for there was no drugs deal. It was designed to bring him to Britain, and he swallowed the

Mr Kirby, another member of the syndicate, bought an axe, weights and cord. Barbara Pilkington, who lived with Mr Maher, made one-way reservations with Singapore Airlines

tions with Singapore Airlines for Mr Johnstone and a woman named Julie Hu.

Mr Maguire said that on October 7 Mr Maher, Mr Smith, another member of the syndicate, and Mr Johnstone set out for Scotland in Mr Maher's Jaguar car. Mr Johnstone, shoulder to shoulder with his friend and business associate for many years, believed he was friend and business associate for many years, believed he was on his way to negotiate with drug pedlars in Scotland but Maher and Smith knew full well that his life would expire at the first convenient opportunity north of Lancaster, "and tunity north of Lancaster, so it did". Two shots were fired, at least

one inside the car. Mr John-stone's body was taken to Mr Maher's home and was put in the garage. With an axe Mr Maher and Mr Smith backed off the hands at the wrist.

With a lump hammer Mr Johnstone's face was disfigured because it was thought that the body might surface through an accumulation of gas in stomach. The stomach

the committee organizing the

international year, cites in his

letter to Mrs Thatcher survey

evidence that " puts its beyond

dispute" that disabled people

are suffering disproportionately from social service curs.

In the circumstances, he says



Two of 684 items of farming equipment collected by the late Miss Olive Lloyd-Baker at Hardwicke Court, Gloucester, now to be shown in the disused Northleach House of Correction, in Gloucestershire.

Members of waste quango in limbo seek decision

By David Nicholson-Lord Members of a quango which resources and was to research has not mer for almost two ways of reducing industrial and years yesterday called for it to be either abolished or recon-stituted, and criticized the Government for leaving them in

The Waste Management Advisory Council was set up six years ago after the Labour Government published a Green Paper, War on Waste. It was

conserve and reclaim scarce household rubbish, including recycling. The National Anti-Waste. Programme was launched under its auspices.

The council last met in April. 1979, and since then, said Lady White, the Labour peer who

Prince asks press to go from Sandringham

The Prince of Wales yesterday appealed to pressmen near Sandringham to go away. Lady Diana Spencer had earlier left the royal estate after a visit.

During a tunch break in a pheasant shoot the Prince said to photographers at a village public house: "Do go away.

Unions likely to back half share for PLP

is expected to support giving the Parliamentary Labour Party a half share in the electoral college for choosing the party leader at the special conference on January 24.

That was the firm impression

gained last night after a meeting earlier this week of the working party set up by the Trades Unions for Labour Victory organization. Trade union general secretaries on it are to meet the day before the conference.

If the prediction is correct,

the result will come as a great relief to Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, who has been arguing for the parliamentary party's half stake in the Shadow Cabinet and the national executive committee.

The PLP wants half and if the trade unions vote in favour Mr Foot will undoubtedly turn the result to good use in his efforts to maintain unity at a the executive, or the right, time when some right-wing which supports one member, backbenchers are suggesting one vote: the latter switching breaking away because of the to supporting 50-25-25.

The one member, one vote the latter switching to support the support of the supp

independence. But Mr Foot and his Shadow

Political Reporter ing caution in predicting the The trade union majority vote final result at the conference. Experience has told them that nothing can be confidently pre-

dicted. The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has yet to

decide and could abstain on all proposals, a trade unionist said proposais, a trade unionist said last night.

It is understood that the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday decided to support giving half to the PLP, with a quarter going to the trade unions and a quarter to the constituency parties.

constituency parties.

The other options before the party conference include: one member, one vote; 33 per cent each for the three groups and 1 per cent for socialist and cooperative societies (recom-mended by the national executive); and a compromise 40-30-30.

The compromise, it is suggested is unlikely to attract the left, which is expected to back

The one member, one vote proposal is expected to be the first to be voted down.

MP tells of differences in the Manifesto Group

By George Clark

Political Correspondent

A leading member of the right-wing Manifesto Group of Labour MPs yesterday confirmed that members had discussed leaving the party, but opinion had differed whether they should make the break or they should make the break or stay in fight for their ideals.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP for Teesside, Thornaby, said the difference was between "some of us who feel that everything that we could possibly do has been done, and that it has failed", and the others.

He said he had spent much

He said he had spent much time in the past few years fighting for the things he believed in and for the Labour Party as he thought most people the country understood it,

but had not been successful.

In an interview in ITN's News at One, Mr Wrigglesworth said the party had moved to the left totional issues facing MPs. Crosland.

Many were taking stock of their

position.

He thought some MPs would leave the Labour Party. I am in the process of thinking the thing through, discussing it with people outside politics. . . I will make my decision in the light of the party special con-ference on January 24", he

Mr Wrigglesworth said that if he decided to leave, he would want to be in a party that was in favour of being in the Western Alliance, against vast differences in wealth, that wants to break down class barriers, that wants a lot of the things that people understand the Labour Party as having stood for for decades now."

Asked about the Liberals, Mr
Wrigglesworth said Mr David
Steel's 10-point programme was
"entirely social democratic." It was very much in the tradition of the late Mr Anthony

the International Year of Dis-abled People is an "obscene irrelevance". Mr Colin Low, aged 38, a blind lecturer in law at Leeds University, has declined as investigation reception is due to start, all the circumstances he says, although Mrs Thatcher's private eged few while the mass of office has indicated that it will the disabled suffer in the acted as chairman for that The Queen will be very pleased meeting, members have redeclined an invitation to attend. if you did I promise you there not be received. country as an obscene irrele-Mr Low, who is a member of vance". to be the main coordinator for ceived no word of the "new national effort to ment's intentions. ceived no word of the Govern-Mr Low will instead join a

Picketing

By Paul Routledge and David Felton

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, pub-lished yesterday his depart-ment's long-awaited review of trade union immunities, with a plea for a "vigorous and wide-ranging debate" on the issue. He argued that there was a need for greater understanding of how trade unions and industrial action had come to hold the position they do in law. In the absence of such an underposals for changes in the law as sometimes confused, and there was little chance of agreeor the direction it might take.

The Green Paper published yesterday considers propositions changes in the legal system. The main proposals for changes in the law on trade union immunities are as

The purpose of the Green Paper is to prompt a wide and informed debate on the law concerning industrial action and on the role in modern life of trade unions and employers and their duties and obligations. The recognition of the crucial need to make progress in building a better climate for improvements in industrial relations will help to produce a fuller and more considered debate on all the issues involved than has aken place for many years. In Great Britain the law governing strikes and other industrial action is based on a series of legal immunities which protect those who organize and take part in trade disputes from both criminal and civil liability.

Without those immunities most industrial action would be illegal. Trade unions, their officials and their members would be liable to actions for damages every time they were involved in a strike unless due notice to terminate contracts of employment were

present debate about provided by the Trade Disputes Act, 1906. Those are now con-tained in the Trade Union and Labour Relations Acts, 1974 and 1976, and in the Employment Act,

Section 13 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 provides immunity from actions in tort for individuals who call in tort for individuals who call or organize industrial action and in doing so interfere with contracts. The immunity applies only if there is a trade dispute (defined in section 29 of the Act) and if the action is taken "in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute". For an act to be "in furtherance of a trade dispute ". osponer. For an act to be in furtherance of a trade dispute", the person doing it must genuinely believe that it will further the dispute.

Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Employment Act, 1980, have removed that immunity from speci-

How to remember names and faces! How to remember facts and figures! How to learn laster! How to concentrate!

How to overcome absent-mindedness How to increase your personal: efficiency! How to speak fixently withour notes!

Mr Prior wants vigorous debate on his review of trade union immunities action to compel trade union membership; or for any secondary action unless it is targeted on supplies going to or from the employer to dispute or on business transferred from an em-ployer in dispute to associated

employers.

Section 14 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, which is maffected by the Employment Act, gives immunity from any action in tort (with certain minor expensions). certain minor exceptions) to trade unions and employers' associa-tions, whether or not the con-duct of their officials or mem-bers is in contemplation or fur-therance of a trade dispute. The trade unions still regard the 1906 immunities, now contained in the 1974 and 1976 Acts, as essential

to their continued ability to give adequate protection to their mem-bers. Yet the immunities which commanded wide acceptance in the 50 years after 1906 have attracted increasing opposition in the past 20. Both the extent of the immunities and the system itself have

Government would welcome views

First, it has been suggested that the immunities now allow too wide a scope for industrial action with-out due regard to its consequences. Secondly, there had been increasing criticism of the complexity of a legal system based on immunities. It has been argued that immunities are not easy to relate to the realities of industrial action; that they do not provide a sufficiently meries or compressions. action; mat they precise or compre-hensive definition of the limits of lawful industrial action; and that throughout their history they have left too much scope for interpretation by the courts.

minimity for trade union funds
It is often questioned whether
he law should continue to provide
hade unions with a wider imtrade unions with a wider im-munity than it provides for in-dividuals who organize industrial action. The arguments for and against bringing those immunities into line with each other go to the heart of the debate on the fullings of our industrial relations system and practices, and on the role the

and practices, and on the role the law can reasonably be expected to play in improving them.

The Government would welcome views on the issues discussed in this chapter. In particular, if the section 14 immunity for trade unions were narrowed to bring it fully into line with the section 13 immunity for individuals, thus putting union funds at risk for the unlawful acts of union officials and members: Would the change result in more

would the change result in more responsible behaviour by trade unions themselves and by their officials and members? To what extent would employers in practice make use of the ability to sue trade unions for injunctions and damages in cases of unions and action? lawful action?

The immunity for secondary industrial action
A number of proposals for res-A number of proposals for restricting secondary action have been made: the most far-reaching would be to remove immunity from all secondary action. This could be achieved in a number of ways. In essence it would mean removing all immunity for inducing breaches of contract from any

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person who organized industrial action by employees of an employer who was not himself in dispute. There would remain immunity only for organising action by employees who were in dispute with their own employer.

That would appear to be a clear restriction on immunity easily

That would appear to be a treat restriction on immunity easily understood by all concerned and simply applied by the courts. It can be argued that it is the only limitation which would provide complete protection for those employers and employees whose com-panies are subjected to secondary action in support of a dispute in which they are not involved.

that, in some cases, secondary action is the only means by which pressure can be brought on an employer in dispute, for example where the employer has sacked all his unionized employees; that secondary action by fellow union members is a long-standing trade union practice deeply based in concepts of unity and mutual assistance; and that it could tilt the balance of power unacceptably to the benefit of employers. Instead of removing immunity from all secondary action, another possibility would be to limit it closely to specific types of second-

Alternatively, or additionally, immunity could be limited to secondary action against an employer who is giving material support or assistance to the employer

Those who argue for these Those who argue for these approaches claim for them the advantage that they enable immunity to be given only in those very specific instances where it is generally agreed to be justified and not otherwise. On the other hand, these approaches are seen to involve difficulties of practical applications.

Circumstances surrounding disputes are often confused and motives are complex. There could well be protracted argument in the courts about the interpretation of any provision on the lines just discussed, involving indust issues which, it is daimed, courts are not well equipped

Another approach would be to limit the immunity for secondary action according to the type of contract involved. One such possibility would be to restrict the immunity to inducing a breach of a contract of employment. The effects of that would be very uncertain.

Another proposal is that there should only be immunity for industrial action which interferes exclusively with the commercial contracts between the employer in dispute and his customers and suppliers, but not for industrial action which interferes with other commercial contracts to which the employer in dispute is not a party. action which interferes with other commercial contracts to which the employer in dispute is not a party. Whatever the arguments over a particular option, the main judgment to be made is how far it is desirable and practicable to restrict the immunity for secondary action farther than it has been restricted already by the Employment Act, 1930. In making that judgment, conflicting considerations must be balenced.

On the one hand, there is a continuing need to provide effective protection for those not involved in a dispute against damaging secondary action, particularly against the kind of indiscriminate secondary action that has been a feature of some recent disputes. On the other hand, any changes must take account of the industrial reality that secondary action "to exert additional economic pressure on the employer in dispute by sealing off his sources of supply and materials or his onliets for sales or both ..." is, to quote the Donovan Commission's words. "A familiar account. is, to quote the Donovan Commis-sion's words, "a familiar aspect of trade disputes".

The Government would welcome views on these questions:
What is the right balance between
the need to protect third parties
against secondary action and the
need to ensure that trade unions
and their officials have sufficient
immunity to enable them to

a wide and informed debate on the law concerning industrial action and on the role in modern life of trade unions and employers. 9

The purpose of the Green Paper is to prompt

The use of pickets in industrial disputes has been the subject of widespread and increasing public concern in recent years. Picketing commonly involves persuading employees to break their contracts of employment by not going to work and, by disrupting the business of the employer who is being picketed, interfering with his commercial contracts with other employers. Provided that picketing satisfies hasic conditions, those who hasic conditions, those who organize and engage in it are pro-tected by section 13 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Acts 1974 and 1976 from being sued in the civil courts for these

sued in the civil courts for these civil wrongs.

It has been suggested that the section 13 immunity might be limited in respect of picketing to primary action alone. The con-sequence of that would be that strikers who were not in dispute with their own employer but, say, picketing in the course of a sym-pathetic (ie secondary) strike, even a lawful strike, would have no immunity in respect of picket-

Danger of abandoning police neutrality

It has been suggested that a aster and more certain procedure would be to place an obligation on the police to ascertain the names and addresses of pickets at

would be to place an obligation on the police to ascertain the names and addresses of pickets at the request of the employer concerned in those circumstances, and that it should be made a criminal offence for the pickets to refuse to supply their names and addresses. The main objection is that this would involve a breach of what has hitherto been regarded as an important principle in relation to the conduct of picketing, namely the neutrality of the police.

Abandoning the principle of police neutrality could have serious implications. Without clear evidence that employers are being seriously frustrated from taking advantage of the provisions of the Employment Art. 1980, by their inability to secure the names and addresses of pickets, it may in any case be thought premature at this time to consider making a change in the law of this nature.

The Government would welcome views on those issues.

Two possible changes are put forward most frequently. First there is the approach, that would require a legitimate trade dispute to be "wholly or mainly" related to the subjects listed in section 29 of the 1974 Act.

The second, and more radical, approach would be to remove immunity from disputes with a pollifical clement. The difficulty, however, would be in finding a generally acceptable definition of "political": Furthermore, such an approach would remove immunity from a wide range of industrial action in what would otherwise be regarded as perfectly legitimate disputes about terms and conditions of employment, where Government is either the employer or the provider of money to the employer. the employer or the provider of money to the employer.

A big difficulty with either of those proposals is that they would narrow the definition in a way that would inevitably restrict

defend their members effectively? undoubtedly directed at improving What changes, if any, should terms and conditions of employ-there be in the restriction on ment, sectondary action established by Legalty enforceable collective section 17 of the Employment

A distinguishing feature of British industrial relations is the absence of legally enforceable lective agreements are contracts which are enforceable by and

which are enforceable by and against those who are parties to them. That imposes upon those parties a "peace", or "no strike, no lock-out" obligation which makes it unlawful to use industrial action to try to change the provisions of an agreement while it is in force.

The question is whether legally enforceable collective agreements could be developed in Britain and, if they were, whether some or all of those advantages could be expected. A particular defect of industrial relations in this country in recent years has been too great a readiness to resort to strikes regardless of the currency of a collective agreement and before the procedures for resolving of a collective agreement and before the procedures for resolv-ing disputes have been exhausted. It is suggested that industrial action should not have immunity where it is taken in breach of a collective agreement. That could apply either to action taken dur-ing the currency of the collecapply either to action taken during the currency of the collective agreement itself, or if it were desired to concentrate on the development and use of disputes procedures, to action taken before the agreed procedure for resolving disputes had been exhausted. Its effect would be to enable an employer damaged by a strike or other industrial action in breach of an agreement to sue the organizers of the action for an injunction or damages. It might be, however, that given the history and practice of industrial relations in Britain, the task of convincing negotiators of the value of legal enforceability

the value of legal enforceability is primarily an educational one and an essential prerequisite is still the need to secure an improvement in the nature of collective bargaining and the form of agreements concluded, particularly procedure agreements.

A very algnificant change in practice would seem to be necessary to avoid the difficulties the courts would otherwise have in establishing what were the provisions and Imentions of existing agreements. Without an established basis of coassen, it is possible that any attempt to impose legally

basis of consent, it is possible that any attempt to impose legally enforceable collective agreements would be hindered by evasion and by the difficulty the courts would face.

The Government would welcome views on that analysis of the advantages and difficulties of changing the law to remove immunities from industrial action taken in breach of collective agreements, and of securing the widespread application of enforceable agreements in this country; and in the light of the advantages of introducing legally enforceable agreements in Great Britain, on the steps which might be taken to encourage progress towards this. Secret Ballots

steps which might be taken to encourage progress towards this. Secret Ballots

The practice of holding secret ballots for the election of union officers or to decide whether to accept a specific pay offer or to take industrial action is well established in some trade unions. But that practice is still very far from being general and progress in extending it has been slow.

It has been proposed that immunity for calling industrial action should be made dependent in certain circumstances on

of the members to determine whether the majority wish that industrial action to be taken. Some have gone further and treed that immunities should only be avail-able for those trade unions that adopt democratic procedures for elections and strike decisions.

There are now two general approaches on how to promote ballots before strike action:
Proposals for ballots " triggered " by union members; and a belief that ballots can best be encour-aged in a non-mandatory way, for example, by the provision of public funds.

Difficult questions on use of secret ballots

two approaches are those of means, emphasis and practicability. Those in favour of " rig-gered" ballots argue that the ballot should be the basis of ballot should be the basis of decision-making in trade unions, decision-making in trade unions, just as it is an integral part of political democracy. It is suggested, moreover, that it is unreasonable to expect a significant extension of secret ballots by voluntary means when the existing holders of power in unions tend to see their use as a threat to their position.

On that view only action by

On that view, only action by on that wew, only action by the Government can break their entrenched opposition. Therefore, it is suggested, the right of trade union members to participate in the decision-making process on a proposal to strike or to take mother form of industrial action should be established in the law.

The Government would wel-come views on the practicalities and balance of advantage of making secret ballots compulsory, and on what further steps might be taken to encourage fliels volun-Closed shop and union member-ship issues The Government's view of the

The Government's view of the closed shop is clear: it is opposed to the principles underlying it. That people should be required to join a union as a condition of getting or holding a job runs contrary to the general traditions of personal liberty in this country. There is little evidence that closed shops have helped to reduce industrial conflict and some closed shops are undoubtedly used as a basis for establishing and maintaining restrictive wasties that immedia restrictive practices that impede

One suggestion is to make closed shop agreements wold (in effect, to declare closed shop agreements unlawful). That would make any such agreement unenforceable at law. It is argued in favour of that proposal that in favour of that proposal that it gives the clearest and most comprehensive expression to disapproval of closed shops and is in line with the law on the subject in the majority of other ject in the majorny v.
European countries:
It has been proposed that there should be a legal requirement that all closed shop agreements be subject to a periodic review of support among the employees they cover.

ject to a periodic review of support among the employees they cover. Those who argue against any new legal requirement of this kind point to the disturbance to industrial relations that a statumny requirement to review could entail. It can be argued indeed that it is particularly important that there should be regular reviews of closed shop agreements, because of the threat they may pose to an should be regular reviews of closed-shop agreements, because of the threat they may pose to an individual's job and livelihood if he does not wish to join a union. Unless there are regular reviews, it is argued, once a closed-shop agreement is established, employees in practice become locked into it, with the result that the closed shop becomes a still more pervadive feature of British industrial relations.

On the other hand, the closed shop is a major feature of our industrial relations system with a long history. There are prac-

union having had a ballot tical limitations on the extent to tical limitations on the extent to which such long-standing practices can be eradicated by law and there is inevitably some uncertainty as to what would be the effects of trying to do so. The Government would welcome views on whether forther changes in legislation affecting the closed shop and related practices are desirable at this stage; and whether such further changes would be likely to prove effective.

Protecting the community The freedom to strike imposes on any society that upholds it a

munity must be able to count on trade unions and individual workers to exercise their power with restraint and responsibility. ments have a duty, when the interests of the community are put at risk, to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that access to essential goods and services is protected and that the hardship inflicted on the community is limited as much as

There have been suggestions in Britain for giving the Government a power to declare unlawful strikes that create or threaten a national emergency. It is suggested that the simplest way of doing that would be to remove the restriction on the government's power to make a strike or peaceful picket-ing an offence by regulation or to cream a separate power for the Government to seek an order from the courts beaming a strike.

the courts banning a strike. The main objection to such a proposal is that even with those safeguards it places in the hands of the executive a considerable power to restrict 'strikes and undermines basic liberties in a way that many would regard as unacceptable. The question is whether such a power can ever be justified outside the wholly exceptional circumstances of a war. The Emergency Powers Act, 1970, which has formed the basis of the Government's powers for 60 years, is drained on the basis that a power to declare strikes unlawful is not justified.

Most people, for example, would

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Most people, for example, would accept that action that puts lives at risk or imperits national security constitutes an emergency. In general, workers who are in a position to endanger life or threater security either do not go on strike, or if they do so, ensure that essential services are maintained. The community has the right to expect nothing less. In our society the force of public opinion remains a potent factor.

There will be always considerable difficulties in drawing a line around industrial action that is not demanded. around industrial action that is not damaging to the economy or to society.

It is arguable indeed that a power for the Government to declare strikes unlawful if they threaten the community or the manional economy would put at this elmost every major strike that occurred.

occurred.
One approach would be to make it unlawful for certain key groups of workers to take industrial action. That, it is argued, would have the advantage of providing permanent protection to the community without placing unacceptable discretionary powers in the hands of the Government.

It can be further argued that it is not an unreasonable condition of employment in an essential service for the employee to be required to waive his right to abrogate that contract at will, if the constitued function of that service with grave effects on the country. with grave effects on the country.

There might be very great difficulties in making strikes by key groups of workers illegal. It is possible to argue that the most effective way of making progress on that question is through volun-tary "no strike" agreements between management and unions in those sectors of industry where

strikes might threaten the national interest. That is a sensitive and difficult area in which arguments of fundamental principle and practice must be carefully weighed. The Government would welcome views on the proposals for thanger.

Alternative system of positive rights

The introduction of positive rights into the law relating to strikes and industrial action in Britain would be an entirely novel step. It would represent a funda-mental change from the legal syson any society that upholds it a tem based on immunities which potential Hability to sustain has developed over the last 100 damage. Therefore, the com- years. That raises important issues which cannot, logically, be isolated from the question whether there should be some general form of Bill of Rights.

If there were to be a positive right in relation to industrial action in Britain, it is arguable that it should be a right to strike

There is also the question of whether a right to strike implies a right not to strike. If there were a right not to strike, the question would arise whether such disciplinary action was legal.

The immunities apply equally to employers and employers associations who organize a lockout. That suggests that in a posi-tive rights system the right to strike might need to be matched with a corresponding right to lock-out.

Advantages and disadvantages of ositive rights system

from the common law. To the extent that a positive rights system succeeded in moving the language and concepts of the law on industrial conflict away from immunities against tortious liability, it might be easier to understand and more straightforward to apply, not just for unions and management but for the courts as well. Indeed, it is possible that a system of positive rights would belp remove the unions' traditiousl suspicion of the courts. To the extent that a positive

Formidable task to

It would undoubtedly be a for-midable task to formulate a legal system of positive rights to replace the present law. The whole ques-tion would need to be expertly examined. But it would first need to be decided whether there was a positive advantage in the estab-lishment of a new system. The Government would therefore wel-come views on that analysis and, in particular, on the following points:

Would it be desirable to make the fundamental change from the present system based on immunities to one based on positive rights? Would a system of positive rights contribute to an impr industrial relations?

Would it be clearer, more easily system of law? Would employers and unions welcome the obligations that would be involved? The Government would welcome

the Government would welcome the views of industry and others concerned on the issues covered in the Green Paper. Comments should be sent, before June 30. to: Department of Employment. Caxton House, Tothili Street, London SWIH ONE.

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Definition and limitation of the

A right to strike or lock-out by itself would leave almost unlimited scope for industrial action. It would therefore be necessary to limit that right in a number of

It is apparent that there would be several complex legal and technical questions to be resolved in changing from immunities to a system of legal rights. In particular, there could be special difficulty in insulating a right to strike from the common law.

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ch is expected to consider the matter. That to consider the matter. The matter that the matt cern the right of people to vote in more than one ward in City elections. Mr Michael Cassidy, a member, raised the question at yesterday's meeting, claiming that there had been voting important to ences in irregularities in the elections to the Court of Common Council

Mr Gordon Wixley, chairman exempte of the policy and resources com-

By Peter Waymark

Motoring Correspondent

The Consumers' Association

to discuss a report on garage servicing published in the Consumers' Association magazine,

Maragina Which

Motoring Which?, which

enywhere near" doing the job properly. One garage charged 140 for little more than an oil

change.
Miss Rosemary McRobert,
deputy director of the Consumers' Association, said after

yesterday's meeting: "This is the fourth report we have done

on garage servicing and we

She said they had put forward laid against them.

Faroese threat to salmon

intend to follow it through.

Agriculture Correspondent

The Government has sent a

warning to the European Com-

mission about a threat to stocks

of salmon in British waters

caused by a sharp increase in

catches by boats from the Faroe Islands. The Ministry of Agri-

culture, Fisheries and Food said vesterday that salmon caught in Faroese waters were often from

British waterways. Salmon from rivers in North

Judge adjourns

as counsel is ill

The trial of Fowzi Nejad,

who has denied the murder of

two bostages at the Iranian

Embassy in London, was

adjourned at the Central Criminal Court yesterday because Mr Richard Du Cann,

QC, his counsel, is ill.

Mr Justice Park told the jury
that Mr Du Cann had influenza

and was unable to be in court. He said: "It would be wrong for this trial to continue on these two serious charges with

this defendant deprived of the

services of his very experienced leading counsel." He adjourned

the trial until next Monday and passed on Mr Du Cann's apologies to the court.

siege trial

By Hugh Clayton

that I can acept that there were irregularities". The question involved the use of postal votes, he said, and changes had been made in that procedure.

Under the rules guiding elections, partners in the largest private firms, with more than 20 partners, can vote in wards where the firms have premises. He said that one large firm

chartered accountants had offices in three wards; ward lists showed that all partners were entitled to vote in each Another member, Mr Hyam Liss, said that a system where

electors had more than one vote was unfair, and urged that vot-ing be restricted to one per person.

Mr Wixley answered that the question would be referred to the committee considering the

franchise.
One of the main concerns among members of the council is that the City corporation is not treated as other local authonot treated as other local authorities are under the Representation of the People Act, 1949. Mr Cassidy believes that the election last December might have been declared invalid under that Act, but the City is exempted from some of its provisions.

the trade in cooperation with the Office of Fair Trading.

On the Which? allegation, the association said: "We feel that the report painted a far blacker picture than the reality. If what

it is saying were representative, the highways of Britain would be littered with the carcasses

motor cars.
"However, there is evidence

that in a number of cases

instructions were not carried

out to the letter. We have the names of all the garages con-

cerned and they are being invited to answer the charges

swim to feeding grounds off Greenland before returning to

their native rivers to produce

The Atlantic Salmon Trust said yesterday that Faroese catches had risen from a total of 50 tonnes in the 1978-79

season to 700 tonnes last year. Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Mackenzie, chairman of the trust, said in London that the Faroese catch might reach 1,000

The editor of the New States-man. Mr Bruce Page, is criticized today for "lack of cooperation" in a Press Council investigation into a complaint

The council said that Mr Page published an article alleg-

ing corruption and incomper-ence among British civil servants in Hongkong, then broke an apparent undertaking

broke an apparent undertaking to publish a timely response. It upheld a complaint by the Civil Service Union that having made the allegations, and having implied collusion by a union officer in a cover-up, Mr Page declined to allow the union the

opportunity for reasonable

The New Statesman's report, by Duncan Campbell, alleged corruption and abuse of

against his journal.

space to reply.

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involved.

ought some MPs. Monitoring of garage two suggestions for improvement. The first was to strengthen the code of practice for the motor industry drawn up by

fundamental provisions. They include a reduction of the 30-year rule for Cabinet papers to 10 years, a drastic curtailment of the areas of un-authorized disclosure liable to The other was to establish The other was to establish machinery for monitoring garage standards.

The Motor Agents' Association agreed that it should be possible to set up an independent monitoring system and suggested that the Office of Fair Trading and local trading standards officers could be involved. criminal penalty under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, and creation of a public right of access to departmental

 Papers that might impair the defence or security of the United Kingdom.

 Information relating to negotiations or decisions affect-ing the level of sterling or the reserves. Law enforcement material

mission of crime. 5. Documents covered by legal privilege. 6. Commercial information

the competitive position 7. Documents relating living persons where dis-closure would amount to an

he fight against a similar Bill introduced by Mr Clement Freud, Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely, which fell at its committee stage with the Callaghan administration in 1979, put it recently: "I am not it recently: "I am not worried one bit. This Bill has about as much chance passing as Rochdale has

Editor blamed for not publishing letter

MPs back disclosure Bill, says Mr Benn

By Peter Hennessy

Mr Wedgwood Benn, former Mr Wedgwood Benn, former Secretary of State for Energy, predicted yesterday that an all-party alliance of backbench MPs would prevail against the upholders of prime ministerial and Civil Scrvice power in the Commons and formers than the control of the control o and Civil service power in the Commons and force the Freedom of Informaton Bill published on Wednesday on to the statute book in the present session of Parliament.

Speaking at a Westminster press conference organized by the Labour Committee for a Freedom of Information Act, Mr Benn said: "I think it is a Bill we can pass, It is a battle where you are up against the centre of power in government, which is the Prime Minister and the permanent secretaries on one side, with ministers dragged along, and all other backbenchers on the other

side."

The Bill, drafted by the now defunct Outer Circle Policy Unit, is sponsored by Mr Frank Hooley, Labour MP for Sheffield, Heeley, and will have a Second reading debate on February 6. Mr Hooley expressed confidence yesterday that he had sufficient support from Labour, Liberal and nationalist MPs and some Conservative MPs and some Conservative backbenchers (he would not offer a figure for his Tory support), to secure a committee stage for the Bill.

Its strategists, however, expect difficulty at the report stage. It is a complicated measure that will need more than one day on report, and is unlikely to be offered time by a Government hostile to its fundamental provisions.

documents, subject to seven exemptions as follows:

Documents whose disclosure could damage dealings with foreign governments.

whose disclosure might en-danger life or assist the com-

whose release might damage

invasion of privacy.

For its part, the Bill can be killed before i

reaches the statute book. As one Whitehall veteran of winning the Cup".

After Mr Leslie Moody,

general secretary of the union, complained to the council, Mr Page replied that the New Statesman did not conduct business with the Press Coun-

cil, which he said was a body devoid of useful powers, and a bulwark of the press campaign to blacken the name of the

He said that Mr Moody's desire to defend his member-

ship would have been met by a shorter letter, which would still be published if received.

Mr Moody told the council that the invitation came a

month after the offending

trade union movement.



Winter snow: The scene in Guild Street, Aberdeen, after a snowstorm. Similar conditions prevailed in many other areas of Scotland and northern England after heavy snowfalls early yesterday. The weather was particularly severe in Aberdeenshire, with gale force northerly winds and tem-

peratures well below freezing. Striking dockers at Aberdeen allowed the St Clair, a ferry carrying supplies of milk and bread for the Shetland and Orkney Islands, to sail after another vessel had broken down. Flights at Glasgow airport were halted because of a 24-hour strike by firemen, but by

the late afternoon the men had cleared to runways. In many parts of England roads were blocked by snow.

Icy conditions also made the going difficult. In the Manchester area all motorways were affected by heavy snow and a blizzard struck the M6 in

give others lung cancer'

By Our Medical Correspondent By Our Medical Correspondent
Powerful support for antismoking campaigners is given
by a research report from
Japan published today in the
British Medical Journal which
shows that lung cancer occurs
in non-smokers more frequently
if they are matried to heavy
closerate smokers than if they cigarette smokers than if they live in a non-smoking house-

The findings come from a research project by Dr Takeshi Hirayama, chief of the epidemiology division of the National Cancer Research Insti-tute in Tokyo, in which he looked at the causes of death in 260,000 men and women aged 40 and over in 29 health dis-

In the 14 years of the study 346 women died from lung cancer; 245 of those were married and 174 were also non-

married and 1/4 were also now.

The mortality rate was twice as high in those married to men who smoked 20 or more cigarettes daily than in those married to non-smokers. That difference in risk remained the same when allowances were made for age and occupation. The risk was even higher in

rural districts, where there was a fourfold difference in mortality between married to smokers and to nonsmokers. Dr Hirayama estimates that

the effect of exposure to cigarette smoke is about a third to a half that of direct smoking in terms of relative risk. In countries such as Japan, where only 15 per cent of women smoke, the effect of passive or involuntary smoking is rela-tively more important

Having published an attack making

Having published an attack making wide-ranging allegations of this nature, the New Statesman should have given the Civil Service Union an opportunity to reply. The Press Council accepts that the letter suggested for publication was overlong, but it criticizes the editor for breaking his apparent undertaking to publish a response in the following week's issue. The complaint against the New Statesman

following week's issue. The com-plaint against the New Statesman is upheld.

The Press Council regrets the lack of cooperation by the editor in its investigation and consideration of the complaint, particularly as this was concerned with a matter of such general importance, and an obligation so generally accepted, as the opportunity to reply to a published attack.

Smokers can Passer-by snaps up Gipsy Moth III pushed through the crowd to meet the yachr's new owner. Stoeck's interest, the bidding "I am very glad you have took off. bought it", she said, "and I hope it will bring you joy." Mr Bonham said. Then, with Mr stoeck's interest, the bidding took off. The yacht, designed by Sir Robert Clark, who was later to

But even the rum toddy provided failed to warm the bidding beyond £15,000. Mr Nicholas Bonham, head of the firm, urged buyers that this was

of Britain's great sailing heritage." Nor would any buyer's owned premium (a 10 per cent surcharge) be added, he said.

The y

Six Francis Chichester's yacht, Gipsy Moth III, in which he won the first single-handed transatlantic race, was sold ar auction for £30,000 to a passerby on a pavement in Knights-by on a pavement in Knights-bridge, London, yesterday. Mr Gunther Stoelk, a Swiss antique dealer, said he was visiting Bonhams, the auction-eers who conducted the sale, to

eers who conducted the sale, to buy some furniture and had decided on the spur of the moment to bid "just for fun". Summed by the applause and attention which descended on him as the ivory gavel was banged on the yacht's buil, Mr Stoelk, who lives in Ibiza, said: "I am very glad I have bought it. It is a very nice boat and I hope to sail it in Spain."

He had heard of the yacht, he said, and its historical links had persuaded him to bid on his way to the furniture sale.

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Lady Chichester, who with her son Giles was at the sale, it is worth more than that?"

Bail for six

plot charge

conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. They were

arrested after investigations by

officers from Operation Contryman, the inquiry into

geant John Ross, his brother; Der Constable Paul Rextrew; Det Sergeant Anthony Russell; Det Constable Derek Watts and

Inspector Terence Babbage. All are members of the Metropolitan Police and were already suspended.

Yesterday's, court appear-

politan and the City of London

A number of civilians have also been charged as a result

police being charged.

Woman dies in fire

of the inquiry.

officers

corruption

cancer. The yacht was sold yesterday by a journalist, a headmaster and a businessman, who owned it jointly. One of them, Mr Brian Moynahan, a journalist with The Sunday Times, said they were pleased with the price.

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Mr Stoelk's bid saved what was nearly a sticky day for the auctioneers. The 39ft yacht, who was later to design Gipsy Moth V, was the last of Sir Francis's great yachts available for sale, their biggest lot to date, drew Gipsy Moth IV is encased on a crowd of about 70 potential concrete beside the Cutty Sark buyers, who huddled around the vessel in the biting wind.

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family.

policemen on fares by up to 40%

Six London policemen were remanded on ball until March 12 at Bow Street Magistrates I Line, the Irish Republic's state-owned ferry company. Court yesterday charged with

to the kind of cut-price war raging on the Channel, and the reason for the remarkable price cuts at a time of rapid cost inflation is the need to stimulate demand for the extra.

allegations of London police The six, the largest group of **DPP** studying officers brought to court so far by Countryman, are: Det Con-stable Michael Ross; Det Serreport on baby death

The Director of Public Prosecutions is studying papers sent by Derbyshire police. on the death of a three-day-old baby with Down's syndrome in Derby City Hospital. He said yesterday that he would be seeking counsel's advice within ances mean that Countryman, started in August, 1978, by officers called in from provincial forces, has so far resulted in 10 officers from the Metro-

n week. Police started inquirles into the baby's death last summer and Det Supt James Reddington has made a report. It is under-stood that a doctor was among those interviewed.

The father of the baby, Mr

John Pearson, who has a grocery business at Worksworth, said yesterday: "The whole matter is very distressing. We did not make the original complaint and we are Mrs Blanche Reeve, aged 92, died yesterday after her sleeve caught fire while she was cooking breakfast at her home in New Road, Chilworth, Surrey. seeing our solicitors today and are unable to make any com-

Irish ferry company cutting

By Michael Baily transport becoming available
Shipping Correspondent A return passage for car and
Cuts of up to 40 per cent in
fares across the Irish Sea this
year were announced by B and with £76 last year. The same By Michael Baily Shipping Correspondent

The Irish Sea is not subject

party on the longer Liverpool-Dublin or Pembroke-Corb Pembroke Cork routes is £64 to April, compared with £94.

Lady Chichester said she had

particularly fond memories of Gipsy Moth III because it was

the first boat, apart from dinghies, that Sir Francis had owned after recovering from

Mr Norman Newcombe, B and I's general manager for marketing, said that price cuts would also be offered on the line's new Jetfoil service, the Swansea Valley.

In brief

Attempt to kill PC alleged

Stuart Blackstock, aged 26, unemployed and of no fixed address, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Uxbridge, London, yesterday in connexion with last month's shooting of a London traffic policeman.

He was accused of attempting to murder Police Constable-Philip Olds, aged 28, at Willow-tree Lane, Hayes, on December 2. He was also accused of attempting to rob Edward Ball.

Boxer appeal buys hospital equipment

Equipment worth more than £100,000 has been bought for the Prince Charles Hospital, in Merthyr Tydfil, with money from the appeal fund for Johnny Owen, the Welsh bantamweight boxer who died 45 days after being knocked out in a world title fight in Los Angeles last September. An inquest into his death will be held in Los Angeles in March.

Heroin stolen

Strathclyde police said yesterday a briefcase containing heroin as well as sleeping tablets and pain killers, stolen from a doctor's car at Stobbible Mercial Classes and blooms. Hospital, Glasgow, could be dangerous if taken by children.

Mr Bosanquet arrested Mr Reginald Bosanquet, aged 48, the former television news reader, was arrested in Coven; Garden, London, yesterday, and charged with being drunk and disorderly. He is to appear before Bow Street magistrates

PC suspended

Police Constable Martin-Lincoln, of Bedford, has been suspended after investigations into missing tea money at the canteen of the headquarters of the Bedfordshire police traffic division at Kempston.

Helping the rates

East Northamptonshire Dis-trict Council is to consider selling advertising space on the back of rate demands and is hoping to save nearly £2,000 a year by sending out only one rates bill.

Church demolished

Workmen yesterday began demolishing St Oswald-in-Usmere church, at Broadwaters Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester 17 years after it was built for £150,000, because engineers have said it is unsafe.

Lord Denning recovers Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, was back at work yester-day afternoon in the Court of

Appeal after spending two days at home with a stomach illness. Architects earn less

New commissions won architects the third quarter of last year by 9.2 per cent to £1,304m, a 12-year low record.

Woman of 92 to marry Mrs Mary Roach, aged 92, is to marry Mr David Powell, aged 84. Both live in a home for the aged at Pontardawe, in

Moonies' leader covers his costs in libel action

Kingdom of the Moonies reli-gious sect, Mr Dennis Orme, yesterday paid the final yesterday paid the final £135,000 instalment of the security he has been ordered to pur up to cover the costs of his High Court libel action against Associated Newspapers. Mr Justice Comyn had warned Mr Orme that his case had

would be dismissed if he failed to guarantee payment of £215,000 towards defence costs in the event of his losing the action. The libel trial, which began

of did not refer to Mr Orme. If

last October, is still less than half way through Lord Rawlinson, QC, for Associated Newspapers, said yesterday that once Mr Orme's case was finished the defence would submit that the words complained

The leader in the United that submission was upheld, the kingdom of the Moonies relicates would end. Mr Orme is claiming damages over a Daily Mail article in May, 1978, which alleged that the Unification Church, the Moonies' official name, brainwashed converts and broke up families, Libel is

denied.
The judge said yesterday that his disquiet about the three months the jury had so far spent on the case had been reinforced by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, who was looking into the whole matter of time estimates for jury trials to ensure that the experience of the jury in this case never recurred

The trial was adjourned until next Monday to allow Lord Rawlinson to complete another High Court case,

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personal allowances in Govern-ment Communications Head-quarters (GCHQ), a secret weeks would reduce its value. agency monitoring world com-munications.

The Press Council's adjudication was:

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Tax burden has increased but with shift to indirect taxation

The Prime Minister indicated that she agreed with "the intelligent speech" made by Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in Zurich yesterday, and with his statement that the present Government had increased the total tax burden.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab) asked whether the Prime Minister asked whether the Prime Minister had studied the speech.

Can she tell us from the heart of the Government—I believe that is the description, in The Times, which she prefers—whether it is a good idea that the Financial Secretary should, despite the crumbling of the two main pillars in the economy of money supply and borrowing requirement, go on delivering the same old advice?

Mrs Tratcher, the Prime Minister (Barnet, Finchley, C): If Mr Foot reads the whole speech, he will probably agree with a number of leader writers who seem to have called it "remarkably frank and tutelligent", "candid and intelligent" and all sorts of things, but

"intelligent". (Laughter and the expense of many jobs of those who priced their products out of the market. Is there not a lesson there for the seamen? cheers. I have a chance of reading the whole speech. Would she agree with and perhaps underline what was in the speech and which we have not had so candidly admitted before—that the Government has increased the overall real burden of taxation. Is that part of the policy she is determined to pursue?

pursue?
Ans Thatcher: I cannot disagree with this highly intelligent speech. The person who made it is more intelligent and perceptive than some of his critics.

I do not disagree that the total burden of taxation for the time being has increased. It has not been increased on personal income, Indeed the burden has been shifted from that to indirect tax which was part of our manifesto which we intend to condune to carry out.

Mrs Thatcher: One tragedy is that Mrs Thatcher: One tragedy is that people by demanding wages far greater than can be borne by their productivity record price themselves out of a job, and those jobs and that business go overseas.

They not only price themselves out of jobs but also other people who have been very careful not to demand large wage increases. I hope the lesson will be learnt: that more strikes mean more unemployment.

ment.
Mr James Hamilton (Bothwell, Lab): The Geneva speech proves that consumer prices are rising more sharply than the tax deduc-

Recent events form salutary lesson for Bill on contempt

House of Lords
There were large numbers of cases
in which warrants had been issued
for people who had fled jurisdiction and on which it would be
unreasonable to bar the press commenting indefinitely simply
because the warrant had been
issued, Lord Wigoder said at the
committee stage of the Contempt
of Court Bill.

Lord Wigoder (L) moved an amendment to Clause 3 (Defence of innocent publication or distribution) which, he said, was of a probing nature and dealt with the time strict liability was to run.
The starting point envisaged in
the schedule to the Bill was the
time of arrest for or the issuing of a warrant. But what would be the position of the press in a case like thatof Lord Lucan where despite a warrant having been issued it was apparent to everybody that proceedings were not imminent?

The amendment provided that where a publisher could show that aithough proceedings were active he had reasonable grounds for believing that the proceedings were not imminent, the strict liability rule would not aprily. That would be a statutory defence for the press in such circumstances. thatof Lord Lucan where despite a

Lord Misboon (Lab), said he resisted the amendment. Many peers who felt in principle that it was right that the freedom of the press and media should not be

Those of us who watched Independent Television and who had any idea of the principle of justice (he said) were horrified when we heard the news item recording these events to see pot only constitutions was sage, helig passed

that arrest but, furthermore, to see upon the screen srticles which pre-sumably had been taken from a certain vehicle connected with the accused to show some sort of conwas charged.

There were interviews with employers and neighbours and I began to tremble as to where indeed any relaxation of the law of contempt might lead us in the interests of Justice, which we hold so dear and which extend to any body until the jury has found him

tratulatory messages being passed by one police officer to another on

Instead of minimizing the date Instead of minimizing the date of strict liability, he wondered if they should consider carefully every word and every stage when there dropped upon the media the need to be careful about words reported.

With the salutary lesson in their minds, they should look at the amendment with the greatest possible care.

cortailed and therefore wanted to encourage the principles; behind the Bill, had felt some disillusion over past weeks and wondered if their enthusiasm should be curtailed.

Peers knew of an eyent, and he did not intend mentioning names,

Attorney General's consent

Lord Elwyn-Jones (Lab) moved a lit was a general rule in English new clause (Consent of Attorney law that the private individual had ceedings for a contempt of court lings

under the strict liability rule (other than Scottish proceedings) should not be instituted other than with the Attorney General's con-

He said in practice the Attorney General got involved in most con-tempt of court matters. The protempt of court matters. The pro-tection which the consent of the Attorney General would provide proceedings.

The new clause was withdrawn.

The Government would consider whether some limitation on the right to institute contempt proceedings would be appropriate, Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said.

Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said.

He suggested that peers went away and thought about what could be done. He wondered whether civil litigation could be covered or some limitation put on the average member of the public. He did not think it would be right for the Attorney General's consent to be conditional to all contempt

Metric 'Hansard' brings some filing problems

Lord Monson (Ind) asked—In view of the awkward and inconvenient dimensions of the new version of the Official Report will the Leader of the House (Lord Soames) consider reverting to the resident matter than the considering than the considering the considering than the considering the considering than the con

There were cheers when a peer criticized the new metric size of the Official Report of the House of Lords and urged reverting to in an Juside pocket for ready

Lord Soames-This was taken into account by the Offices Committee who knew what the size was going version of the awkward and inconvenient dimensions of the new version of the Official Report will the Leader of the House (Lord Soames) consider reverting to the perfectly suitsfactory traditional format? (cheers).

Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council—I would not recommend that. The change to the new A4 size took place at the beginning of this new session in accordance with the decision of the House on December 21, 1976 following a recommendation from the Offices Committee.

Lord Monson—The dimensions of the new style Official Report are such as to make it difficult for postmen to get it through the state was going to be.

Who knew what the size was going to be.

Many of us have been accustomed to. a particular size of Hansard and perhaps we are will adapt. Lady Burton of Coventry (Lab)—I hope he will look at this again. As one who does her own filing. As one who does her ow

Country on road to ruin: Opposition demand new policies

ition.

If she is uncertain, will the Prime Minister go out with her shopping basket to the shopping centres and ask the housewives?

Mrs Thatcher. I am glad the speech is receiving so much publicity. Everyone should read it and learn that the increase of prices before the last election was very considerable indeed.

Protection of sources not part of Bill

It was utterly wrong that a journa-list should run the risk of con-tempt of court because he desired to keep a confidence, Lord Scarman, a Lord of Appeal said.

He moved a new clause (Defence of confidentiality of source) which provided that a person was not guilty of contempt of court merely on the ground that he refused to disclose the source of information for contribution for contained in a publication for which he was responsible, unless it was established to the satisfaction of the court that disclosure was of the court that disclosure was necessary in the interests of national security or for the prevention of disorder or crime.

He said the public had a right to be informed about matters of public interest and the journalist, in the matter of his source of information are in a special precision.

mation, was in a special position.

The freedom of the press derived from the duty which society saw imposed on the press to keep it informed about matters that went

wrong in high places, in the corridors of power—commercial, politleal, industrial or social.

That being so, it seemed utterly
wrong that a journelist should run
the risk of contempt of court
because he desired to keep a confidence with sources of information,
which should be known because of
its immense public importance.
The Bishap of London said the
clause opened a door through
which many other people with perciause opened a door through which many other people with perfect right could ask to pass, There were doctors and welfare workers who would feel that their information and their sources were just as important as those possessed by immulists.

journalists.

There was a great army of people who belonged to the various counselling services such as marriage guidance counsellors, the Samarians, who in the course of their work had confessions, from individuals.

The cleany and ministers of salifrom individuals.

The clergy and ministers of religion received information from individuals which had only come to them on the clear understanding that it would never be revealed to anybody else.

This was at most a mondocat

This was an unvise amendment.
Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone,
the Lord Chancellor said that the
amendment did not give privilege to the newspaper man, it privilege is a particular class of case to everybody. It said that even though relevent It said that even though relevent to a cause or matter anybody, whether the information was given in confidence or not, a doctor, a professional or not, was entitled to say to a judge: "You may have ordered me to give this information, but I am not going to".

That might be part of the law of confidentiality which might be in need of reform, but it had no proper part in this Bill which was concerned with criminal contempt. Lord Merris (C) said that the public interest would be severely threatened if an amendment like this one was not made part of the Bill.

Modern government was respon-

Bill.

Modern government was responsible for spending increasingly millions upon millions of pounds of the taxpayers' money. Should a person responsible for the publication of a document be compelled in court under sanction of contempt to disclose his source?

There was no doubt that the well of truth would dry up. The public would be deprived of information with which it might be better placed to judge whether funds were being handled competently or otherwise.

Lord Scarman said that the immunity which journalists or others cojoyed in the courts was an immunity which journalists or others cojoyed in the courts was an immunity in practice and not in law. The judges went to great lengths to avoid insisting on replies to questions. The amendment was withdrawn. The amendment was withdrawn. The committee stage was adjourned.

House adjourned, 8.29 pm. Modern government was resnon-

The Government's economic poli-cies were imporerishing and dividing the nation. Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic attairs, said when he opened a debate ca-economic and monetarist policies. The Opposition would continue to press its attack with all the force it could command, he added, until it had achieved the abandonment of these dangerous and damaging policies.

policies.

Before the House was an Opposition motion expressing grave alarm at the continuing decline in output, employment and investment in British industry. It called on the Government to abandon its disastrons economic and monetarist policies.

Mr Shore (Tower Hamlers, Stepney and Poplar, Lab) said that since the oil price explosion of late 1973-early 1974; with all the baleful national and international consequences that had followed from it, growth everywhere had slowed down and in Britain had been reduced to a small's pace.

Now they had entered a new and far more dangerous phase. Since the advent to power of the Government in May, 1979, and the implementation of its policies, the economy had lurched from stagnation to actual decline.

Unemployment had risen by over 945,000 and more than three quarters of that was in manufacturing industry. Nationally, one in 11 people were out of work and in many of the regions the figures were far worse. Refore the House was an Oppo

were far worse.

In the past six months there had been a sharp acceleration of jobs lost. The increase in unemjobs lost. The increase in unem-ployment was now running at some 100,000 a month.

It was beyond all reason that the Government's policies should still be pursued, but so far the Government's reaction had been extraordinary and frightening— including yesterday's comments by the Financial Secretary to the

including yesterday's comments by
the Financial Secretary to the
Treasury (Mr Nigel Lawson) in
Zurich.

What Britain had had over the
past few months, including Mr
Lawson's speech, as a sustained
public relations exercise—" Operation Optimism "—led by the Prime
Minister and the Chamcellor of the
Exchequer, with other Treasury
ministers misting supporting roles. ninisters playing supporting roles. Nowhere (he said) have I been shie to detect recognition, let slone concern, of the appalling state of the economy.

Recent press reports had said there would be no increase in per-

sonal taxation. There had been a remarkable leak judged against the background of a series of remarkable leaks... Where does this lead us? (he asked). Further taxes on industry, already flattened by recession, or upon the consumer in the form of upon the consumer in the form of VAT, excise duties, licence fees,

VAT, excise duties, licence fees; etc?
The only lesson the Covernment seemed to have drawn from the appalling experience of the past 18 months was that if you could not deflate far and fast enough by one policy of monetary supply you must deflate by using the tax instrument as well.
Dellation (he said) remains the Covernment's objective, with all Dellation (he said) remains the Government's objective, with all that means for the future contraction of output and the further rise in unemployment. The Government knows this, fits projectations of concern about metal ployment are nauseatingly false, (Labour cheers).

The appointment of Professor Alan Walters was a remarkable display of distrust in the Prime Minister's own Chancellor of the Exchequer. The professor was to

Exchequer. The professor was to be and will be be a kind of intellectual police. Changed. The only question is just man to ensure that the will of the First Lord of the Treasury prevailed over whatever doubts and divisive government is postered the First Lord of the Treasury team occasionally entertained.

The policy must be and will be proported to see unemployment be prepared to see unemployment of the province of the provin

fessor from other monetarists, and no doubt justified his appointment, was that he had not been exposed to any experience of government. (Renewed Labour laughter). This could be the most dangerous and expensive period for any nation since Raspurin won the ear of the Empress of Russia, (Further Labour laughter). (Further Labour langhter).

Now that the Government had tuself suspended its monetary targets, at least until the Budget, it should take the opportunity to recognize that the economy could not be run except to destruction by the obsessive pursuit of M3 or any other monetary harlor the Financial Secretary decided to woo.

woo.

The Government should engage in a serious dialogue with industry, the employers and trade unions on the real problems of the economy to bring forward effective counter-inflation

Ministers should address them-selves seriously to the great problem of Britain's loss of inter-mentional competitiveness. British national competitiveness. British industry's costs must be brought down and an agreed counter-inflation policy was crucial to this.

There must be a reduction of There must be a reduction of energy prices, particularly for bulk power users, into line with those of Britain's competitors. The National losurance surcharge should be considerably reduced and eventually repealed.

The minimum lending rate must be brought down to single figures. It must be a principal objective of government to achieve and maintain a competitive exchange rate.

rate.
It must surely have dawned on
the Government that curs in public expenditure of the kind it had
embarked on damaged rather than
assisted industry, both private and

Every time the med axemin Marsham Street attacked the of Marsham Street attacked the local authorities, regional water boards and other public sector agencies which came within his department, he milicted fresh damage on the construction and building industries, overwhelmingly private enterprise as they were. The apparent savings which he and ministers in other large spendices departments. ing departments made were sub-stantially negated by the increased payments the Secretary of State

Social Services had to make in the form of unemployment pay and supplementary benefits and the loss of tax revenue the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer had to

bear.

This was precisely what the Chancellor himself had to acknowledge in his statement of November 24 in explaining why public expenditure had remained higher that he had planned.

A substantial and well judged increase in public spending on housing and roads and other infrastructure programmes was needed. structure programmes was needed. The Government should review its regional policy and consider if it made sense to withdraw assisted

There had to be a major reversal of the Government's economic policies. The country was on the road to ruin and it was a paradox road to ruin and it was a paradox and a tragedy that at the very moment that Britain had become self sufficient in oil she should be facing the worst outlook for the last 50 years. It takes an entraordinary capa-city for mismanagement (he said) to turn an asset which should be enriching us into a burden which is impoverishing us. is impoverishing us.

The policy must be and will be changed. The only question is just how much more damage will be inflicted before this stubborn, myopic and divisive government is forced to allow common on far

to change course now worst is over Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of Mr Shore had repudlated the increasing the Exchequer (East Surrey, C), policies of the last labour of moved a Government amount of the last labour of the Chancellor says it would be crazy

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer (East Surrey, Cr., policies of the last Labour Government amendment: ment. Any attempt to solve the problems by increasing demanding the sevently of the present would result in even fewer jobs "That this Hopse, while recogniz-ing the saventy of the present economic difficulties, endorses the priority given by the Government to manering inflation and improv-ing competitiveness, and calls on Government to maintain its present policies for economic re-covery, which alone offer the pros-pect of a lasting reduction in un-

He said that for too long, and under successive governments, too many people had been paid; for doing jobs which should not have survived. Governments had connived in this in state-owned indus-tries, in central and local govern-ment and sometimes in the most raspected private companies.

Overmanning had been the scourge of efficiency and, in the end, the cause of roday's unemployment. This had been worsened by pay levels rising much faster those of overseas competi

These domestic causes had been compounded by the upheavals in the world off market. In the past two years oil prices had risen by more than 150 per cent. The key to recovery in the domestic economy must be success in the fight against inflation.

Virtually every other OECD country was giving top priority to reducing inflation. The lesson of recent years was that more infla-

recent years was that more inflation meant more unemployment
and less growth.

In this battle against inflation,
monetary policy had a fundamental
role to play. Detailed discussion on
the monetary targets the Government would be setting for the next
year must await his budget speech,
but monetary control was essential
and was part of the permanent
framework of a stable economy.

They had beard an assonishing
call from Mr Shore for a dramatic
change of policy. He had called for
more demand, but the truth was
that over recent years there had
been too much demand, and too been too much demand, and too

The failure to produce enough British cars was not a consequence of shortage of demand. The annual market was still more than 1,500,000 units, but more than half that demand was filled by imports. Over the past 15 years, European car production increased by four million units, but British supply had fallen by 600,600 units.

British firms were not working to capacity, not because of short-age of demand, but because their

and higher unemployment.

By contrast, on the vital problem of inflation, this Government's success was becoming increasingly apparent. (Labour laughter.) Year on year, the rate of infla-tion was down from 22 per cent list June to just over 15 per cent now. A further large fall was expected this mouth.

The rise in the retail price index had been less than 1 per cent in each of the last seven months.

The underlying rate was a little higher, but many forecasters expected single figure inflation this

There was a prospect, in the absence of a further oil price shock, that the world recession would bettom out this year. would bottom out this ytar.

The CBI and Financial Times surveys were indicating a start in the improvement of business confidence. Recent forecasts Inside and outside the Treasury Indicated that the fall in output was coming towards an end, although its timing would be hard to predict.

Even in difficult conditions. exporters were performing well.

exporters were performing well.
Exports in the first nine months of 1980 were higher than in the whole of 1979.
Unemployment was likely to go on rising for some time yet but much of the worst was over and there were distinct signs of hope. A long and difficult period of adjustment is still ahead (he said) and this Government will do all it can to help industry through that period.

Calls for a lower exchange rate revealed a misconception of what could be achieved by governments. Experience showed that govern-ments which tried to set rates

The Government would try—as industry must—to adapt to sterling's strength by controlling its own costs. That was not something the Government could command.

He was astonished to beer criticism of the Covernment's attempt. He was astonished to beer criti-cism of the Government's attempts to control public expenditure.

Within the resources available, the Government was doing a great deal to ease the impact of the recession on those worst hit. It was maintaining, regional programmes, concentrating on the areas of great-est need, to the cost of \$450m this year. It was continuing special employment measures and indus-trial training. The take-up of the trial training. The take-up of the shortime working scheme had in-creased rapidly and large sums were being spent on it.

a substantial improvement in the stock relief scheme.

There had been a useful discus inere had been a userul auscul-sion at NEDC last week on econo-mic pricing for energy and there was no dispute that there should be no departure from the policy on economic pricing.

At the meeting it was agreed on all sides, by the CBI and the TUC, that it was right to set the price for energy at the market economic price and that was what the Government was doing.

In the last decade employment costs of all the major nationalized industries had risen much faster than the change in the rest of the economy.

It was important to do every It was important to do every, thing possible to make these industries more competitive and efficient—establishing competition alongside them referring them to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, giving them competition from the private sector and opportunities for private sector and opportunities for private and the private of the

The Government was accepting costs, sometimes huge, for restructuring those industries to improve their efficiency in the future. Industry was being given the help it needed by this Government, was recognizing the case for helping itself and was achieving great success in reducing its own unit costs by bringing down the costs of

The main manufacturing sente-ments in the new pay round were under 10 per cent and the Government was determined in the public sector to keep pay over which it had comrol under similar restraint. That was why it had set the 6 per cent pay cash limit for local authorities.

The problems that had taken nears to desalve could not and

years to develop could not and would not be solved overnight. The Government must stick steadfastly to the only policies that offered a real prospect of a rebirth of the productive economy. There was nothing by way of alternatives to hope for from the

Labour Party.
Under this Government (he said) we are now seeing the first signs of success. Inflation is falling; many success. Inflation is falling; many sectors of enterprise are reassertcession on those worst hit. It was naintaining, regional programmes, occentrating on the areas of greatstandard to the cost of £450m this ear. It was continuing special imployment measures and industrial training. The take-up of the hortime working scheme had inreased rapidly and large sums of industry by changing course sow. (Conservative cheers and Labour protests.)

Workers terrified of losing jobs Labour Party or the Tory Party. to finance the expansion of our

Air Tony Benn (Bristot, South East, Lab) said those members of the Government who spoke of unemployment as if they regretted it were being less than candid because the Chancellon's policy was to push up unemployment. Unemployment was now beginning to reach the level where it might have an effect upon wage settlements.

when it reached the present level industrial dictators like Sir Michael Edwardes and Mr Ian MacGregor could go to their workforces and say: "Unless you accept either a wage freeze or 6 per cent when inflation is .15 per cent we will sack the lot of you". (Conservative protests.) This was the basis upon which the Chancellor was founding his hopes. Most workers were terrified they would lose their jobs because they believed the Prime Minister would be prepared to see unemployment.

(Laughter.) The Chancellor was right when he suggested there was no going back to the policies of the last 33 years. But there was no going forward on the policies of mass un-employment. There was a deep and abiding fear that industry was being des-troyed. The Government elected in

May, 1983 or 1984, would find that industry had been destroyed to the point where it could not sustain the living standards of the people. In some areas the crisis would be so deep and great that there would be no hope.

We shall (he said) inherit a situation where measures far more radical than those which were attempted by the postwar govern-ments will be forced upon us. The next Government—and he

If they went for a planned reconstruction of their industries and public services that would mean not a policy of the market deciding but first things first and fair shares. That would involve house interconting in the mechanics. a buge intervention in the mech-He saw no point in the trade union movement continuing to

involve itself in this Government's policies. The time had come for the Labour movement to di-engage from this Government. The Labour would not compensate again for public assets that had been hived off. If there had been a running down of public education and health and a growing up of private education and health funded by the taxpayer Labour would bring them together and use them to tur the waiting lists and improve the schools system. That involved an economy far more democratically planned—but

Britain cannot reflate herself out of a world depression

Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine Valley, A) said the Liberal programme was put out not at a sectarian document but at a attempt to get some consensus among some people of all parties and to provide the country with a programme which would have a public mandate behind it.

The Government did not fully appreciate the horror of the fact. appreciate the horror of the fact, which had begun to dawn on the British people, that such institutional effects as there were from their policies would be short-lived and contained no structural elements which would remain. But the damage its policy are doing

the damage its policy was doing would, for the most part, be last-ing. Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said the future of British industry lay in an expansion of markets, in getting out of seats in offices and looking for markets.

Mr. Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-ton, Lab) said the time had come in Britain to argue for resources to be planned in a bsic socialist way, to have production for the use of the people and not production for profit which tuded in the type of crisis there was today.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, Dem U) said Northern Ireland was an economic wasteland

enough in denouncing the policy which was pushing Ulster over the edge.

I could not live with my conscience (he said) if I did not vote for the Opposition motion.

Mr Keuneth: Woolmer (Batley and Constitute of the Covernment would be carefully a dose of old-fashioned reflation. Mr Reuneth Woolmer (Batley and Morley, Lab) said the Prime Minis-

ter was presiding over a serious collapse of much of the manufac-turing industry and mounting per-sonal and social hardship. She must change her policies or go. Mr Nicholas Lyell (Hemel Hemp-Mr Nicholas Lyell (Hemel Hemp-stead, C) said the Government's monetary policy had been casti-gated as though it were an easy stick to wield, but he supported that broad monetary policy, it was nonsense to suggest that Britain's ills could be cured for the long-tern by printing money in order to create short-term artificial demand.

Mr Michael Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab) said that for every one percentage point reduction the Government had achieved in the inflation rate, there would have been a one percentage point drop in national output plus an increase of 200,000 in intemployment.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Maccles-field, C) said with the advantage of indigenous energy resources, the Government should use these

Mr John Major (Humingdonshire, C) said the Government would be right in the future if it decided selectively to intervene in industry to help areas where the problems were temporary and the result of the present uncertain trading con-But spending taxpayers money

on those industries and areas that were practically in permanent dec-line would not be a good use of Government fonds. It would not be fair to the next generation of children who would inherit these jobs in years to come. Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab) said Mrs Thatcher was like the captain of the Titunic, calling for full speed ahead despite seeing the

full speed ahead despite seeing the iceberg.

Mr Eric Varley, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Chesterfield, Lab) said the effects of the Government's economic policies almost made the nation look back with nostalgia to the three day week of seven years ago. Now, for some, it was a no-day week with he highest unemployment for half a century.

Cheers.)

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment (Lowestoft, C), said the debate had been rather even the Honse had been promised. What it had done was to show that first, of all there was little in the Opposition's case.

It had also shown that behind the Opposition there was Mr Benn, who was taking a totally different view from his from with the highest unemployment for half a century.

This week they had seen the new mably there was, too, the view of

The public sector of industry, which the Government had promised would be restricted and tamed as a result of its policies, would be receiving unprecedented quantities of money because of the failure of economic policies.

economic policies.

Money supply which was the lynchpin of Government policy was disastrously out of control.

At the Conservative Party conference last October the Prime Minister said "The lady's not for turning". Very soon the British people would make sure that, come the next election, she would be turned out of office. (Labour cheers.)

serious problems could be cared by a dose of old-fashioned reflation. Between 1977 and 1979 the Labour Government allowed the public sector borrowing requirement to go up again. Unemployment fell by a mere 150,000, despite pouring money into the economy and a large increase in real earnings and living standards. Simply by reflation (he went on) what you will do, as happened last time, unless you get your economy competitive in the meantime, is to suck in the himports all over again. We owe it to the British people (he said) to see that the suffering and indignities through which many are now passing are not in vain and are not to be repeated in an even more acute form on an even shorter time scale. This means continuing, above all, with the campaign to control inflation.

The mation could not reflate itself out of a depression; this would lead straight back into inflation with even higher unemploy-

Irish MEPs oppose rugby tour

was defeated during noisy exchanges. The motion, tabled by the

Socialist Group and signed by a number of other MEPs, including from the Republic of all 15 from the Republic of Ireland, expressed concern at the damage the tour could do to Ireland's standing, and image at international level, and at its likely effects on Irish and Community relations with the rest of Africa in all areas-political, cul-tural, commercial and sport. It noted that the Irish Government had condemned the tour and called on it to consider all possible sanctions in the event of it not being cancelled.

Mr John Hume (Northern Ireland,

as a Parliament to dissuade those who would give sustenance to that regime by their action. A vote to have an emergency debate would

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A move to have an emergency debate on a motion urging the lrish Rugby Football Union to call off its tour of South Africa.

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Mr. Michael O'Leary (Ireland, Soc.)

Said the decision of the reason why they should have an emergency debate, unless it was possess of certain people. said the decision of the Rugby Union to accept the invitation to tour South Africa was in direct conflict with the Irish Government's frequently repeated condemnation of the regime's apartheid practices. The tour could not be regarded as simply a sporting event.

By going to South Africa, the Irish touring side would automatically confer approval on the general apartheid practices of the regime, and the tour would encourage those directly responsible within South Africa for the discriminatory organization of speri in that country. Democratic states must ensure that politically, economically and culturally an international boycott should be maintained against South Africa until that country granted basic human rights to all its in-habitants.

Mr John Hume (Northern Ireland, Soc) calling for the emergency debate, said the fact that all 15 Republic MEPs had signed the motion underlined the strength of feeling that existed in Ireland on the issue. They should not be under any illusions, as to use which the South African regime made of tours such as this to bolster its vicious system of apartheid.

Mr Peter Bearley (Bedfordshire, ED) said his group would vote against an emergency debate. The tour did not start next week nor even before the next sitting. Much as his group abborred apartheid it noted that multiracial rugby football at gational level was today normal in South Africa. under any illusions, as to use which the South African regime which the South African regime as his group abhorred apartheid in the start was to as his group abhorred apartheid in the south as his group abhorred apartheid in the start was to as his group abhorred apartheid in the start was to as his group abhorred apartheid in the start was to as his group abhorred apartheid in the start was to as his group abhorred apartheid in the start was to the start was to as his group abhorred apartheid in the surface and the start was to day and the start was to the sta

said racial discrimination was not the only kind of discrimination.

Last year when they debated participation by countries in the Olympic Games in Moscow the Socialist appealed to support the concept of going there. Whatever the South Africans might have done in intringing human rights it was nothing compared with what the Russlans had done and continued to do. Parliament should be consistent in condemning infringement of human rights. Mr Ernest Clinne (Relgium, Soc) said those who doubted whether this matter was urgent should read extracts from the South

African press because it appeared from them that the prospect of a visit by the Irish rugby team was already being exploited by the regime. The call to have an emergency debote was rejected on a show of hands by a majority of about two to one. Parliament agreed by 120 votes

EEC urged to expand nuclear power output

rears that the iran-iraq conflict would seriously leopardize oil supplies to the Community had not heen justified. Mr. Gerard van Aardenne, the Dutch minister for the economy, speaking for the Council of Ministers, said.

During a debate on the development of alternative energy sources he said that Iraq had resumed supplies after an interruption, other constries had increased their production, and the high level of stocks had made it possible to limit the effects of the Middle East hostilities.

However, the decision of Opec again to put un oil prices had profound consequences for an already precarious world situation and mean dramatic problems for the industrialized countries.

Parliament was considering a report from the energy and research committee on the possibility of an alternative energy conservation, the rapid development in use.

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research and investment to develop new sources of energy, including solar heating and cooling systems, conversion of agricultural and urban waste into liquid and gaseous fuels, and wind energy. It said that much progress could be made by introducing small-scale production based on non-fostil and non-nuclear energy in reduce

on-nuclear energy to reduce decendence on imported energy.

Viscount Etienne Davignon, Com-missioner for Energy and Industry, said they must examine the pos-sible benefits of remewable energy resources. Resources which might not be economically viable in Com-munity countries could be in others.

Having been in office for only a week it was not possible for the Commission today to set out its approach to energy policy and the place it held in the Commission's overall priorities for the next four years. This would be put forward in February ears. This would be put forward february. The report will be voted upon

Since the hunger strike ended, 40 prisoners have ceased their protest at HM Prison Maze, and are now

Business vote in elections

The omission of business and commercial votes in local government elections needed looking at in the review of the rating system, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said during questions. Mr John Heddle (Lichfeld and Tamworth C) had said: Mrs Thatcher should consider the plight of the industrial and commercial ratiopayers, particularly those with meaning in some mercial ratepayers, particularly those with premises in areas run by eziravicant Labour-controlled

councils.

Local democracy might have a such-needed shot in the arm it consideration were given to the reintroduction of the business vote reading. Energy Conservation Bill,

Clean cells at Maze still clean

The Government could not, and would not, introduce a regime which would give a group of prisoners the substance of their demand for political status. Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during questions about the hunger strikers in the Maze and Armagh prisons.

Mr Atkins (Spelthorne, C) said: I have had no contact with the hunger strikers myself. They were made aware of the regime that I described in my statement of December 19 through the established machinery of prison administration.

Att IVACUA STATE COLOR Some of these cells were furnished normally, the prisoners have not fouled or damaged them over the course of their own level cothing to wear out of working hours, and have been given the privileges of association, visits, letters and parcels available to all conforming prisoners.

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A group of protesters was moved to clean cells at Maze on Monday as part of the normal cleaning

encouraged to end their protest altogether.

Since Depember 19, the Government has pursued exactly the course set out in my statement of that day. The privileges available can only apply to those who conform with prison rules.

He added later: I think the issue is solved and that the prisoner recognize there is no way the Government is going to give them the political status which they have been demanding all these years (Cheers.)

Debate on energy policy.

Tuesday: European Assembly Elec-tions Bill, remaining stages, Water Bill, second reading. Wednesday: Debate on Opposition

Thursday: Debate on Welsh affairs, Friday: Private members' motions. The main business in the House Parliamentary notices of Lords will be:

The main business in the House of Commons will be:

Monday: Criminal Attempts Bill, second reading. Creater Manchester Bill, second reading.

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Thursday: Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Bill, second reading. Debate on European Communities Committee report on European social fund,

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Rome, Jan 15

Judge Giovanni D'Urso, the most prominent victim of a Red Brigades kidnapping since the murder of Signor Aldo Moro in spring, 1978, was freed here today after 34 days in confinement,

The judge, a Sicilian, aged 48, employed in the Justice Ministry's prisons department, was "sentenced" to death like the Christian Democrat statesman, but released after the views of the Brigatisti—including those in maximum-security jails—were given wide pub-

[Judge D'Urso teld investigators he was held captive chained to a camp bed in a tent, which was inside a room in a flat, shop or garage. He was forced to listen endless! yto music from loudspeakers, presumably to disguise noises from puside. Judge D'Urso said his prison was prepared in advance and he was driven to it almost immediwas divert to it amost immediately after he was kidnapped.
Police said Judge D'Urso described how he was ambushed near his home on December 12, hir over the head, hooded and driven for about two hours to his "prison". During his captivity he saw only two people: His guerrilla interro-gator and "housekeeper", both of them always hooded. The only time the music

France sets

aside £10m

From Ian Murray

for 'gasohol'

The French Government has

agreed to fund a multi-

million-pound research pro-gramme to substitute alcohol for oil products in the fuel tanks of the nation. If the plan succeeds, the Government

hopes that by 1990 half the fuel

home grown.

Next year 100 million francs (about £10m) will be made available to research and develop products and engines.

Methanol from wood, gas or coal is one line of the research,

another is the hydrolysis and

fermentation of crops like straw, sweet corn and globe

artichokes.
M André Giraud, the Minister.
for Industry, told the Cabinet

that existing research had led his department to believe that within four to five years it should be possible to save 10 per cent of the nation's oil con-

French automobile construc-

tors have already told the Mini-

stry they will cooperate with

with only minor modifications

it should be possible to meet

the new requirements, even

using existing models.

The next step envisaged by

the programme is the introduc-

tion of a fuel with a much higher proportion of alcohol, which would be sold by garages alone with the more traditional fuel.

The potential saving to energy-conscious France is estimated as being in the region of 1.5 million tounes of

oil annually in the first stage and up to 12 million tonnes a year by 1990.

To succeed the programme would seem to require a vast increase in the necessary crops. Wood, which is one of the best sources of alcohol, is already in great demand for industry

in great demand for industry and paper pulp. However, the research pro-

ects are finding other useful. sources of vegetable power— sunflower and rape oil can be used in diesel engines, and beetroot and sugar cane can

beekroot and sugar cane can belo produce an alcohol-laced, fuel, although beet prices are currently too high.

According to one government report, the best crop to use would be the globe artichoke, which tradition claims was the mainstay diet of the French during the Second World War.

Brazil, which last year mixed.

Brazil, which last year mixed 3.8 million tonnes of sugarcane alcohol with petrol for use in

cars, currently has the largest-programme of this type. Its use of sugar cane for fuel has

had a marked effect on world

Sugar prices.
Other countries including Japan, West Germany and Canada, have launched experi-

mental programmes for oil sub-

stitutes, but none on the scale of that France has proposed.

needs for transport will be

Judge D'Urso, however, said the questions were useless, because he aiready knew all the

answers." All he was required o do was fill in details of his working relationships with nagistrates and officials those rames his captors siready knew.

Judge D'Urso said he had been allowed to hear appeals broadcast for his release by his wife and daughter, but otherwise he had had no news.

The only time he had feared for his life was last night, when his captors gave him back his clothes and loaded him, blind-folded and with stereo headphones, into a lorry.—Reuter.] Bound and gagged, the judge was found in the back seat of s locked Fiar car with false number plates after a telephone call at 7.38 am to the Italian

news agency Ansa.
Over his ears were headphones from a portable radio playing music. The car, which was stolen, was parked in the old Jewish ghetto, about 250 vards from the ministry where the judge works and about 150 yards from the side street where Signor Moro's body was

Police immediately set up road blocks. They said they sere looking for a white BMW car with Rome number plates. driven by a man with a dark moustache and with two other stopped was during his interro-gation. The "inquisitor" was an educated man with a knowpassengers. The judge's release rorism after a low-key intro-bad been expected since yester-ductory speech yesterday by



Readline for freedom: A Rome newspaper announces the release of Signor D'Urso.

day, when a Red Brigades leaflet found near the opera-house said they were letting him go as an act of magnatimity because their objectives had been achieved.

The judge, unshaven and still wearing the clothes in which he was seized while returning home on the evening of Decem-ber 12, was in good physical-health. He was taken to the main police headquarters, wherehe embraced his wife and two daughters and answered questions for two and a half hours.

The release, which was greeted with relief by President Sandro Perrinl, the Pope, and representatives of all political parties, came while the Chamber. of Deputies was debating ter-

when a Red Brigades Signor Arnaldo Forlani, the won it was made known from Prime Minister. The debate is the Quirinal Palace that Presidue to end with a vote of con-

Beyond the general satisfaction, however, opinions were sharply divided. Enthusiastic if not euphoric comments came from the socialists, the second party in the coalition, and from the small Radical Party, whose members last week visited the prisoners in two maximum-security jails, Trani and Palmi. They claimed that willingness to compromise and the publication of the prisoners' proclamations in the press had paid dividends and saved the judge's life.

The other parties, particularly the Republicans in the coalition, the Libertle and the Com-

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dent Pertini was also of this opinion. The Communists posted opinion. Inc Communication up placeards which, beyond expressing seriefaction that a life had been saved, accused the Government of "inadmissible Government of concessions".

. Indeed, except among Socialists and Recicals, political attention is focused sharply on the effects of the Red Brigades tactics, that appear more refined than at the time of the Moro kidnapping. Besides dividing the political world, they have split public epinion and the press, with some important newspapers publishing the pro-clamations of the Trani and line, emphasizing that the buttle Palmi prisoners in full, though

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Portuguese President enjoys the limelight

presents its programme to Parliament comorrow, but the event seems certain to be over-shadowed by the speech made yesterday by President Eanes whom he was sworn in for a second five-year term.

The contrast in terms of experience between Senhor Francisco Pinto Balsemao, the 43-year-old former magazine editor who has only just taken over as Prime Minister of the ruling coalition, and President Banas, the 45-year-old former general, who has five taxing but generally successful years in office behind him, is there

for all to sea-: The Prime Minister has a parliamentary majority just so long as the 134 vetes of the governing coalition hold to-gether in Portugal's 250 member Assembly of the Republic. President Eanes, however, is

at the height of his power and influence after winning 56 per cent of the popular vote under Portugal's 'semi-presidential, semi-parliamentary system last month—despite all the efforts of the ruling Democratic Alliance to stop him winning a second term of office:
While the Government's pro-

gramme tomorrow will have to tackle immediate domestic worries, the President, in a speech which showed him fully ware of his stature upon Portugal's political stage, able to enjoy the easier task of outlining the country's future.

'It seems that the essential consolidation phase of Portuguese democracy has accomplished after the rwo elections of last autumn. But President Eanes would be the first to say that the political framework must now be filled in with genuine social and economic justice—and he did that vesterday castigating those who sought to react to a Western world in crisis by returning to old authoritarian formulas.

His speech dealing with the prand orientations of Portugal—its indispensable modemization and adaptation to a

President noted, remmiscent of presidential addresses in The Portuguese Government presidential addresses France's Fifth Republic.

But the Portuguese system is not like the Fifth Republic and the "grand orientations", will be quickly brought down to earth in tomorrow's government. programme.

President Eanes felt confident chough to surrender certain powers-from next certain no longer combine being the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces with the presi-

dency.

He thus completes the normalization of Portugal's Armed Forces after the post-1974 revolutionary phase.. The President was making

his contribution to the Democratic Alliance's intention to transform Portugal into "a full Western democracy"; with its Armed Forces under the con-trol of the civilian government. To achieve this the constitution must be amended and the Council of the Revolution— the Armed Forces' watchdog wound up. This seems likely to happen by June.

The Socialist Party, however, has already indicated a certain unease that the Government might be tempted in turr to interfere inside the barracks too much

right-wing Centre Democrats, and some of the more conservative Democrats of the Social Prime Minister's own party in the coalition, today began sniping at the President for "interfering" with his striking call for Portugal's pluralist democracy—the most used phrase in his address—to include a press and state-run television and radio, free from government pressures. President Eanes again took

the high ground uttering words which pleased Portugal's professional journalists (as opposed to the party hangers-on coopted for the lobs) after wearying months of all kinds of pressure ordered by Dr Francisco Sá Carneiro, the late Prime Minister, when the bitterly fought general and

Six detained **Corsicans** end hunger strike

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Jan. 15

Six Corsican autonomists decided today to end their hunger strike after the Court of State Security ruled that they would be tried in their absence on charges of kidnapping and being members of an armed band.

Four of them were medically unfit to attend the hearing when it opened yesterday. The six who have been on hunger strike for nine weeks, said that since the court was determined to judge them, whatever the cir-cumstances, "our suffering has become useless".

The hearing is likely to be adjourned for a few days so that men who were on hunger strike can recover sufficiently to attend the hearing.

. In its ruling today the court said that those on hunger strike, like two others who were refusing to attend the hearing, had made a voluntary decision not to appear. The hunger strike, it said, was an attempt to exert pressure on the court "in the same way as a street demonstration.".

The court also said that the prison service was in no way wrong in having taken the necessary steps "conforming to the right to live" to give medical care to those on hunger

The case of two other de-fendants, whose lawyer produced a medical certificate stating that they were unfit to attend, would have to be heard separately, the court decided, although it commented that the certificates "were not very convincing".

The present hearing will deal with the cases of 15 defendants—including the six who were on hunger strike. The case arises out of an incident a year arises out of an incident a year ago when Corsican autonomists tried to hold prisoner two men who they alleged were the leaders of Francia, the terrorist organization which fights against the autonomists.

Chief Burgomaster of West Berlin resigns While Herr Stobbe's defeat From Gretel Spitzer, submit the names of new candi- have been steadily gaining

Berlin, Jan 15

Herr Dietrich Stobbe, the Chief Burgomaster of West Berlin and his Social DemocraticFree Democratic government del and housing problems have resigned after barely two years caused widespread criticism of his averagency for some films. in office today. He annuanced his decision after he falled to get the approval of the House of Representatives for the appointment of four members of the Senate, the city govern-ment, after a reshuffle

From Michael Hornsby Strasbourg, Jan 15 Mr Poul Dalsager, the Danish

expects Denmark to keep the agriculture portfolio, which is one of the most important in the Commission. But it emerged

claim could be challenged.
Mr Gaston Thorn, the president of the Commission, and

his fellow-commissioners are expected to decide next week on the permanent allocation of

on the permanent anocation of the Agriculture and Fisheries responsibilities previously handled by Mr Gundelach. Mr Thorn has bimself assumed

temporary charge of agricul-nare, and Mr George Konto-georgis, the new Greek Commissioner, has been en-trusted with fisheries.

Allowing Mr Dalsager to take over Mr Gimdelach's job would have the attraction of simplicity

and avoid the danger of a gen-eral reshuffle which might

reopen the wounds left by last week's difficult negotiations on

the distribution of posts within

Herr Hans Apel, the West German Defence Minister, has ordered disciplinary proceed ings against two Reserve Army officers who flouted his ban on

Bundeswehr uniforms at last week's funeral of Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, Hitler's successor as head of the Third

The ban on uniforms and military honours and

Oslo, Jan 15.—Hundreds of Lapp demonstrators against an hydroelectric project in north-ern Norway were today removed

from the sire on the Alta river

Lapp protest foiled

as construction

moved in officials said.

Danish nominee may not

Minister of Agriculture, who Minister from a country which

was named by his Government has a clear national interest in yesterday to be Denmark's new seeing the EEC's agricultural policy maintained in its present form is the best person to have

European Commissioner in policy maintained in its present Brussels, cannot expect autoform is the best person to have matically to assume the agriculin charge when the Community ture job held previously by his is supposed to be embarking on late, comparation, Mr. Finn. Olay reform of its finances.

Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, has left no one in any doubt that he prime to Danish Prime Minister, has left it releases a very left for the left having possible advantages if it releases a very left for the left having possible advantages if

Reservists to be disciplined From Our Own Correspondent absence of state repres

get agriculture portfolio

his government for some time.

A call by the opposition
Christian Democrats for new
elections got considerable support in the city. But spokes for the coalition parties said they were determined to con-

asking whether an Agriculture

Michael O'Kennedy, the Irish Commissioner, whose present function understudying the

tuoction understudying the president in the preparation of the Commission's proposals on

financial reform is resented by

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Budget Commissioner, as a tres-pass on his territory

In the meantime, the Com-mission's agricultural depart-

mission's 'agricultural' department is reported to have drawn up preliminary proposals for a 5 per cent to 6 per cent rise in EEC farm prices this year, though these still have to be discussed and approved by the Commission as a whole.

A price rise of this order would be likely to be acceptable to Mr Peter Walker, the British Minister of Agriculture, given the much bigger rise in farmers

production tosts over the past year. But Rrance and same other countries are understood

to want a price increase of more than 10 per cent.

tatives underlined Bonn's break with the past and in particular with the old military principles, which Domiz embodied of blind obedience and uniquest

The proceedings look like

reserve officers are not subject to the same requirements of

obedience as active ones. They are forbidden to wear uniform

Grasse, France, Jan 15.— Roger Moore, the British actor who is known for his reles as The Saint and James Bond, was fined 2,000 francs (about £200)

today for causing injury to two people in a traffic accident

except when on exercise.

Roger Moore fined

ioning loyalty

submit the names of new candidates for the offices of Chief Burgomaster and senators to the Berlin House of Representatives within 21 days.

Herr Heinrich Lummer, president of the House of Representatives, denied with the approval of the House, that of the Social Democratic Parry, and Herr Hans-Jurgen Wischnewski, deputy chairman of the party, flew to Berlin ionight Herr Stobbe, would not consider talks with Herr Helmut tonight but would be Schwidt, the West German

after talks with Herr Helmut tinue tonight but would be Schmidt, the West German adjourned until further notice. Chancellor

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Paris, Jan 15

French . electricity authority has agreed to a number of modifications to the design for its controversial nuclear power station, due to be built near Plogoff on the Sizun peninsula in

Announcing the alterations, M Jean-Michel Fauve, who is to be in charge of the construction site, said yesterday that in future the EDF intended to involve itself nor only in the general interest but in the local "which has not been sufficiently

perhaps been sufficiently done in the past."

The modifications, he said, would mean that the new power station would be reduced in height so that it could not be seen from either the top of the peninsula or the town of Plogoff, in addition, a special zone would be prepared for marine culture which would bring fresh jobs to the area.
"The power station must not

Sizun", ne saíd M Fauve promised that he would put all his cards on the table and be believed that in the end this would make the local people realize there were more benefits than disadvantages in the scheme.

He was sure that in the end it would be possible to build the power station without having to call for military protecto a meeting of local elected representatives, although the mayor and council of Plogoff, who have promised to oppose the scheme by every means available, were conspicuous by

their absence. The running of two French nuclear stations - Tricastin in the Drome and Bugey, near Lyon — has been interrupted this week by what are described officially as "incidents".

secretary of the party, on Tuesday denounced what he called the "insufficience" as tion given out by the manage-ment about the tire. France, he said, was the only conintry with an important nuclear pro-gramme which did not have a law dealing specifically with the

products used for purifying gases discharged from the factory. The management says the incident, had, no serious conse quences and an inquiry has begun into its causes. At Bugey the electrical supply

from one unit was cut off on Monday after a test of one of the salety systems.

Meanwhile, the Socialis group in the National Assembly Socialist has decided to press for a par-liamentary inquiry into the causes of the fire which broke out last week in a storage sile of nuclear waste at the repro-cessing plant of La Hague, new Cherbourg-M Claude Quites, national

At Tricastin, which is a an important nuclear prouranium enrichment plant, a gramme which did not have a small explosion occurred in a law dealing specifically with the building which houses chemical organization of nuclear safety.

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The Pope warns Mr Walesa that Poland's independent trade unions must remain non-political

Rome, Jen 15
The Pope today gave his support to the Polish independent trade union organization, Solidarity, telling Mr Lech Walesa, its leader, that the union's foundation had been an event of great importance but that it must remain non-political in

Receiving a Solidarity delega-tion of 15, the Pope said he had heard with joy of the approval "in our homeland" of its statute two months ago.

There did not exist, "be-cause there must not exist, a contradiction between such a social initiative by working men and the structures of a system which looks on human labour as fundamental to state

and social life."

After stating that the events of last autumn had been directed against no one, the Pontiff went on: "The activity of trade unions does not have a political character, but it must not be the instrument for action by anyone, by any political party, so as to concentrate, in

munist Party can be threatened

if pressures continue, the Warsaw branch of Solidarity trade union organization has called a four-hour public transport strike in the capital for tomorrow. It is meant as a

warning to the authorities not to punish the workers who stayed away from work last

a new warning at a meeting of party committees from main

industrial plants.

point in the seven-day visit ending on Monday by Mr Walesa and the other union leaders. and the other thion leaders.

They were invited as guests of Italian trade unions, but Mr.

Walesa made no secret that his main interest was to see the

The audience began at 11 am with a 25-minute private meeting between the Pope and Mr Walesa in the Pope's library. Then Mr Walesa's wife and Then Mr Walesa's wife and stepfather—who has come from the United States—were introduced briefly, followed by the other 14 members of the delegation. The last part of the audience, which lasted altogether an bour and a half, was a public ceremony in the Hall of the Consistence. the Consistory.

Here speeches political character, but it must not be the instrument for action by anyone, by any political party, so as to concentrate, in an exclusively and entirely autonomous manner, on the great social benefit of human

labour and of the men of labour."

He concluded by recommending courage, but also prudence and moderation, which "are required by the well-being and peace of our homeland".

The audience was the high point in the seven-day visit end-

national sacred song "God protect Poland".
Yesterday the delegation visited the Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino, the war cemetery where General Wladyslaw Anders, the Polish commander, and many of his troops lie buried, and the earthquake stricken town of Avellino. For the rest of their stay, Mr Walesa and his companions are in the hands of the Italian trade unions. unions.

German invitation: Mr Walesa has accepted an invitation to has accepted an invitation to visit West Germany in the first half of February, a spokesman for the West German trade union federation DGB, said today (Patricia Clough writes from Bonn).

The DGB invited Mr Walesa after its representatives, unlike trade union delegations from other western countries, were

other western countries, were refused visas to enter Poland. The refusal has not been explained, the spokesman said.

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The Pope embraces Mr Lech Walesa as he kneels during a private audience at the Vatican.

Warsaw, Jan 15

Amid increasing official warnings that the process of renewal promised by the Community Party are he threasened. This is particularly so in the provinces, where the local leaders complain of strong offi-

cial pressure. Occupation strikes are continuing in the provinces, and Solidarity leaders to restrain the militants. This, in fact, was the message conveyed from the party meeting by Mr Kazimierz Barcikoski, a Politburo member At the same time, the Warsaw Solidarity leaders have expressed willingness to negotiate and consider the Government's argument about the needs of the economy, insisting, however, on the principle of a five-day week to be guaranteed by legislation. regarded as a moderate re-former. He said that anarchy and continuous pressure ob-structed and threatened the programme of reforms. All such attempts against the stability of the state would be re-

sisted by the party.

Mr Barcikowski accused pro-It was against this back-ground that the Communist ing to exist organized pressure Party leaders yesterday, issued on the authorities and the militant groups in the Solidarity national leadership of overstepping the union's statutory prerogatives. This, he said, extremely dangerous", as

t no there could be no dual author-vere ity in Poland.

and Mr Grabski, a Politburo
un-member in charge of economic
in-reform, said the Government's

Warsaw transport strike called up unrest over the five-day tions of the five-day week controversy was the only sensible one in the present difficult economic circumstances. He accused Solidarity of irresponsibility stirring up tension. This, he said, was a "trial of strength '

The GGovernment has gone a long way in trying to avoid confrontation on this issue. It has proposed two free Saturdays in a month on the basis of a normal eight-hour working day. As an alternative, it pro posed a five-day week but with the working day lengthened by half an hour. The unions re-jected it outright, and accused the Government of going back on its promise.

Obviously, the troubles in the south of Poland, as well as the tension aroused by the uncertainty whether the Government will penalize the nearly four million workers who stayed away from work last Saturday, are not creating a propitious climate for talks.

The party is seeking ways of reforming itself and Mr Barci-kowski indicated the line the reforms were likely to follow. There would be a free debate within party cells, but once decisions were taken they would be binding. There was also a promise of more genuine

organization with a choice of party ranks was equally against conservative elements that were still hoping that the party apparatus would soon recover full control, as well as against liberals clamouring for candidates, but there was no place in the scheme for The Politburo as well as the executive are subject to con-trol, and a reform in the party far-reaching reforms to give

apparatus would allow more mobility of staff. The terms of the rank and file a real influence on the leadership office would be limited on all levels. The Polish party mem-bership has reached three and policie Western aid: Talks on Western financial aid to Poland, which had been expected tomorrow, will take place in February to allow time for the Reagan Administration to be installed million, and there would now be an emphasis on quality
The attempt to inject
democratic principles into
party life is however, limited.
Mr Barcikowski left no doubt Washington. informed sources said in Paris today.that he struggle within the

Mr Carter proposes 5% defence rise

From David Cross

Washington, Jan 15 President Carter today proposed a defence budget total-ling about \$184,000m (578,767m) for the forthcoming financial year, which is in line with his longstanding promise to increase military spending by 5 per cent a year in real terms.

The request for an increase of more than \$23,000m over this year's defence spending reflected a "careful balance between the need to meet all critical defence needs, while maintaining fiscal restraint", he said in a message to Congress, which will have a final say over the budget.
This year, because Mr Carter

is leaving office, the budget will also be open to modifica-tions by the incoming Admin-istration of Mr Ronald Reagan before it comes under the close scrutiny of members of Con-gress. Mr Reagan has already made it clear that defence spending will be one of the areas of government spending in which he will be particularly interested, and for that reason today's figures should not be taken too seriously.

In his message to Congress, hir Carter made what was prob-ably an oblique reference to Mr

Reagan's likely influence on defence spending. "There will be advocates for higher defence levels, but after careful review I do not believe that higher spending would add significantly to our national security."

Mr Carter said that the defence budget was designed to meet three main requirementsto improve personnel recruitment and retention, to enhance combat readiness, and to modernize America's armed

He said that he had recently approved the "largest pay and benefits" increase in history, notalling about \$4,500m and representing an increase in "average compensation" of 16 per cent. "Our armed forces can be no better than the quality of the people who serve in them," he said.

Other funds in the budget should alleviate shortages in critical spare parts and inade-quate funds for training, Mr Carter believed. These were the sources of readiness

problems.
Finally, the outgoing President was proposing "major investments" to enhance substantially the capabilities of America's armed forces.

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'Watergate shadow will stalk Mr Haig'

nominations was taken by the full Senate next week.

He was confident that formal approval for the Secretary of State-designate would be forth-coming shortly after Mr Reagan was sworn formally into office next Tuesday.

After today's overwhelming vote in the committee it is now a foregone conclusion that Mr Haig will be supported by the full Senate. However, a continuing, albeit small, question mark will continue to hang over him probably for many

This is because the committee agreed, in deference to the wishes of some of its Democratic members, to seek indexes to some 100 hours of tape recordings involving Mr Haig and Mr Nixon during the

final days of Watergate.

The committee issued a subpoena for the material weekend but, because of objec-tions from Mr Nixon, the transfer of the lists from the national archives where they are stored is expected to get bogged down in a long legal wrangle. The committee wants the indexes to try to determine whether any of the conversa-

tions held in the Oval Office of the White House are rele-vant to Mr Haig's suitability as Secretary of State.

However, it may well be that the committee never obtains the material it wants. In earlier court cases, Mr Nixon has usually been successful in barring outside access to most of the tape recordings.

Trade ambassador: Mr William Brock, chairman of the Republican Party, was appointed Special Trade Representative today, one of the final Cabinet-level posts to be filled by Mr

As Special Trade Representa-tive, Mr Brock will serve as the new President's personal repre-sentative in foreign trade matters and will hold the rank

Mr Brock, aged 50, a political moderate, was given much of the credit for helping to unite the party behind Mr Reagan to achieve its landslide electoral victory last November. But his actions in broadening the party's appeal made him unpopular with right-wing Republicans who unsuccessfully licans who unsuccessfully sought to oust him from the party leadership.—Reuter.

Mr Rajai was expected to announce a deal within the next day or two but that the 52
Americans were unlikely to be
freed before Mr Ronald
Resgan became President on
January 20. The Carter Administration

was no longer insisting on tomorrow as a deadline for Iran to respond to the latest American counter-offer for the hostages' release, the sources said. This appeared to indicate that Mr Reagan had agreed to honour any deal based on the Carter Administration's bargaining with Iran.

'Definitive'

reply to US

on hostages

Tehran, Jan 15 .- The Iranian

reply to the latest United States

proposals concerning the libera-

tion of the American hostages

here was transmitted today to

Algiers where Mr Warren

Christopher, the Deputy Secretary of State, is standing by.

The American proposals were

brought here on January 2 by

the Algerian officials acting as intermediaries between Wash-

ington and Tehran. There had

been several recent exchanges

of messages between Iranians

and Americans via Algiers before today's reply, which was

Mr Muhammad Ali Rajai,

the Iranian Prime Minister, and

Mr Behzad Nabavi, the nego-

tiator over the hostages, visited

Ayatollah Khomeini today,

raising speculation that they were seeking his approval of a

Diplomatic sources said that

deal to free the hostages.

described here as definitive.

Iranian

Today's visit by Mr Rajai and Mr Nabavi to the ayatollah was reported tersely by the official news agency. The spiritual leader's approval is always sought on important issues.

Apparently because he was with the ayatollah, Mr Nabavi was unable to receive the ambassadors of West European countries and Japan delivered a Note calling the hostages' early release. The Note had been drawn up to support President's Carter's moves to end the crisis, one diplomat said.

In Washington a State Department spokesman said that the Iranian reply was a "substantive response" to the latest American position delivered 13 days ago. "Until we have an opportunity to evaluate the franian response, we cannot predict whether it will enable the parties to resolve their differences," the spokesman added.—Agence France-Presse

Asian chosen to be Uganda's envoy in London

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Jan 15

President Obote has appointed Mr Shafiq Arain, the only Asian member of his newlyappointed Cabinet, to be Uganda's High Commissioner in London. He will retain his membership of the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio in the President's office, Uganda radio announced.

Mr Arain was prominent in Ugandan politics during the preindependence period, when be organized support for Dr Obote among other Ugandan Asians. He was a member of Parliament from independence in 1962 until the 1971 military coup which ousted President Obote, and was also Uganda's Minister to the East African Community at the time of the coup.

After several years of exile in Britain, he returned to Uganda last year with Dr Obote and helped to organize the Uganda People's Congress cam-paign for last month's elections. He is married with three child-

The meeting was chaired by Mr Stanislaw Kania, the party leader, and the speakers left no doubt that the authorities were hardening their views and accusing Solidarity of unwikingness to cooperate, increasing tension, and stirring proposal of alternative soluelections within the party

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Israeli police clamp down on Druze after murder of Bedu politician From Christopher Walker Shaikh Abu Rabia was hospitality, they have until ferusalem, Jan 15 leader of the dominant tribe recently kept their distance. This week's brutal murder in the Negev, the barren desert from other Israeli Arabs. If Shaikh Muhammad Abu region where some 40,000 "We Beduin are not con-

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Jan 15

Rabia, the first Bedu elected to the Knesset, has focused political attention on Israel's most colourful minority.

Although gradually — and often reluctantly — adapting to the changing circumstances of the twentieth century, the Bedoin still ching proudly to the desert traditions, styles of dress and ways of life. "The camel may have given way to the Personne way in recent years they have become increasingly strives to radical the Peugeot van in many instances, but the tribal customs are still largely intact", an Israeli ecademic said.

One of the most revered

traditions is the concept of the blood feud", and as a result, heavy police reinforcements have been drafted into villages in northern Galilee inhabited by another minority sect, the Arab Druze. A number of Arao Druze. A number of to be Druze—focluding a lieutenant under in the Israeli Army—have been ment. arrested in connexion with the killing, and the courts have the la banned the publication of their skin te names in an effort to avoid reprisals.

Beduin are now concentrated. Others live in Galilee, but most have foresaken nomadic habits for a more conventional exist-

recent years they have become increasingly driven to radical policies as the result of a bitter dispute with the present. Government over tribal land rights. dispute has been

centred on a large tract of Negev land at Tel Maliane, 2 spot destined to become one of the new Israeli air bases to replace those in Sinai due to be handed back to Egypt under the Camp David agree-

Over 5,000 Beduin live on the land, some in black goat-skin tents and others in shacks.

cerned about the Pelestinian problem", explained Dr Yunis, a Bedu doctor, who is another prominent member of the Abu Rabia tribe. But he added that the policies of the present of Israel, have traditionally Israeli coalition government voted for the opposition Labour voted for the opposition Labour Party, to which Shaikh Abu reating them as "second-class citizens".

The Neger Beduin are angry that they have been given much lower compensation than that offered to Jews being forced to evacuate settlements in Sinai. They are also resentful at attempts to force them they are they are they will be the settlement of the settlement. soulless new townships, rather than allow them sufficient alternative land to continue an agricultural existence.

Explaining the changing attitude among the desert tribesmen, Shakh Abu Rabia said not long before his murder: "The Bedu is a patient man and is ready to com-promise on everything But he cannot forgive those who take his land."

Ousted Turkish MPs to be | UN staff hold day's hunger

From Our Correspondent

denied return to power

General Kenan Evren, the military head of state, announced today that a constitutional assembly would be formed in Turkey some time berween "next August 30 and October 29 ...

Ankara, Jan 15

On the first leg of a threeday tour of Turkey's southern provinces, General Eyren told thousands of people gathered in the main squae of Konya, 180 miles south of Ankara, that politicians who were ousted by the September 12 Army coup would not be allowed "to once afgain control the destiny of Turkey".

These politicians, he said.

These politicians, he said had "soiled" the country, and the National Security Council (which he leads) were now "cleaning up".

The politicians, instead of saying "Thank God for their (the Security Council's) presence", were waiting impatiently and saying, "when are they going to go", General Evren said. "They soiled—we cleaned up. Now they want us to give them back the clean pot so that they can dirty it again." so that they can dirty it again."

This would not be allowed and no former party members would be included in the new constitutional assembly.

He also promised that communism, fascism, separatism and religious fanaticism would This was the second step in

the plan for a return to demo-cracy in Turkey announced by General Evren. Soon after he seized power last September in the bloodless coup—after nearly three years of economic instability and political anarchy—he promised the creation of a civilian govern-ment (set up nine days after ment (set up nine days after the coup), a constitutional assembly, the promulgation of a new constitution, and general

Today's much-awaited an-nouncement does not, however, signify a return to democracy at this stage, as the security council will retain control over laws enacted by the constitu-

laws enacted by the constitutional assembly.

The council, which was, and
will continue to be until the
aurumn, the only body empowered to enact laws, will then
assume the powers "of a senare,
as it were", according to
General Evren. Council amendments to laws proposed by the
constitutional assembly would
be final.

In his wildly applauded
speech. General Evren also
underlined that he had chosen
to make this announcement in
Konya, one of the traditional
centres of religious conservatism in Turkey.

It was there early last Sep-

atism in Turkey.

It was there, early last September, groups of religious extremists demonstrated against the Turkish national anthem and displayed banners insulting the secular republic. The demonstration, senior generals said later, had been "one of the last straws" which predipitated the military coun. pitated the military coup.

strike over jailed woman From Laurie Nadel

New York, Jan 15

Some 30 staff members of the United Nations Secretarian the United Nations Secretariat held a day's hunger strike today in front of their cafeteria Carrying placards reading "Free Alicia now" and "When one of us is in prison, none of us is free", they urged hundreds of staff members to sign a petition calling for the release of Miss Alicia Wesolowska, a secretary of the United Nations development programme, who is imprisoned in Warsaw.

Their action followed a report that Miss Wesolowska has been refusing all food and water for a week to protest at

has been refusing all food and water for a week to protest at the manner in which she has been treated by the Polish authorities since her arrest on August 10, 1979, when she was visiting her family en route to a new posting in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

After six months' interrogation, family members reported that she had lost a great deal of weight, some hair, and had

General strike hits Peru

Lima, Jan 15.—Peru's trade mions staged a 24-hour general strike today in protest at recent food and fuel price increases averaging 48 per cent.

Shops, factories and many banks and businesses closed in Lima and the provinces. Police in Lima used water cannon and tear was to disperse strikers.

tear gas to disperse strikers .--

temporarily suffered loss of movement in her legs. She was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for espionage by a secret military tribunal last

secret military tribunal last February, charged with "spying for a Nato power".

Miss Wesolowska, in a statement said to have been snuggled out of prison last week, complained that she had been detained without evidence, that gossip and legends had been presented against her, and that she had never admitted her guilt, although reports in the Polish press stated that she had. On Monday, Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, discussed her case with Mr Dyonizy Bilinski, a Polish delegate to the United Nations. According to United Nations officials, Mr Bilinski, said that the Poles imended to release her.

The Secretary-General expressions and the polish delegate to the United Nations officials.

The Secretary-General expressed anger because the Polish authorities have been repeating this assertion for the 17 mombs of Miss Wesolowska's detention.

Power failure in **Mexico City** Mexico City, Jan 15 .- Millions of people were stranded in cars and public transport vehicles today as Mexico City was with-out electric power during the

rush bour. Unofficial sources blamed a power railure at Infiernillo, one of Mexico's main hydroelectric power plants for the blackout.—AP.

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OVERSEAS

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From Christopher Werner San Salvador, Jan 15

There seems to be little evidence to back up the announcement by the El Salvador authorities that 100 armed men landed by boat at an isolated beach near the Nicaraguan border.

The announcement, which was endorsed by the United States Ambassador to El Salvador, coincided with a statement from Washington that military aid would be resumed the Central American

Government sources in El Salvador said the armed men arrived late on Tuesday afterand fought a bartle through the early hours of Wednesday with troops taken from the garrison at the port of La

However, by 11 am when journalists arrived, only about 300 heavily armed soldiers were to be seen—all looking exhausted. They claimed they had walked 30 miles in a search-and-destroy operation that fol-

of Bill

over Canada

By Our Political Correspondent

In a written Parliamentary reply yesterday, Mrs Thatcher stated that between the end of August and January 10 she received 2,223 letters from Canadian citizens about the partiation of the Canadian Con-

stitution.
Mr Francis Pym, Chancellor
of the Duchy of Lancaster and

Leader of the House of Com-mons, is still in doubt about the timing of the request for

endorsing legislation from the Canadian Parliament.

the Finance Bill is on its way through Parliament, it may be

too late to get the Canadian Bill through during the present session of Parliament.

It it arrives in March, after

lowed the discovery of the information of small open boats There was a burnt-out Toyota a pick-up truck in a ditch with

its windscreen shot out, and just the odd gun shor, but nobody, no guerrillas, and no captured arms to be seen. An officer said his troops had already buried the 52 guerrillas who had been killed. There were no prisoners either, "these people are anaeither, "these people are anatics, a fight to the last bullet", the officer said.

The remark is typical, but almost certainly false. If these 'invaders' had been foreigners, allegedly Nicaraguans, one might have expected the officer to keep the prisoners alive for propaganda purposes.

The lack of evidence suggests that if many of the rebels were killed in a four-hour battle, as the authorities claim, they were not proved to be foreigners. This is not the first report of landings from Nicaragua. According to a senior maval commander in El Salvador, the kidnapped from Coastguard has had periodic 1978, to July, 1979.

landing in threes and fours throughout the year.

What is most important perhaps is that the United States Government has long claimed that "they new" that the Salvador guerrillas were being supplied with arms from abroad. Money for weapons: The weapons used by the guerrillas fighting in El Salvador are bought on the open market and are American, Belgian or Israeli, the European representative of the El Salvador opposition said in London today (our

foreign staff writes). Father Luis de Sebastian, a former vice-rector of the Roman Catholic University in San Salvador, said that there were no Russian weapons in the hands

The money for the weapons had come originally from ran-soms paid for kidnappings. He mentioned the two British bankers, Mr Ian Massie and Mr Michael Chatterton, who were kidnapped from November,

Doubts on timing | Supreme Court throws out Bandaranaike appeal

From Our Correspondent Colombo, Jan 15

Three judges of the Sri-Lanka Supreme Court today dismissed with costs the appli-cations of the former Prime Minister, Mrs Sirimavo Ban-daranaike, and her nephew, Mr Felix Dies Bandaranaike, the formes Finance Minister for a former Finance Minister, for a writ of certiorari quashing the findings of the special presi-dential commission, which dential commission, which found Mrs Bandaranaike guilty on six charges of misuse of power and one of corruption. The commission recommended they should be deprived of their civic rights.

tions deprived Mrs Bandara- 1,050 rupees (about £25).

naike and her nephew of their civic rights for seven years and also expelled Mrs Bandaranaike from Parliament. Mr Bandaranaike Jost his seat the 1977 general election. Mrs Bandaranaike and her nephew claimed in their applications last October that the commission's hearing and findings against them were against principles of natural

The three judges in their order today said that they had not gone into the allegations made by the petitioners against the commission and had therefore formed no view whether those allegations were well Parliament by special resolu- founded. Costs were fixed at

President of S Korea puts politics

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, Jan 15

South Korcan politics entered new phase today when President Chun Doo Hwan announced that he would contest next month's presidential election and lead the new government Democratic Justice Party

The party nominated Mr Chun as its leader and presidential candidate at inauguration ceremony held in the huge Chamsil gyntnasium in Seoul.

The President told an audience of about 9,000 party members and invited guests "I am now a politician, whether I like it or not, because I have accepted the party presidency and the party numination as well".

nomination as well".

Last April, Mr Chun told journalists that the South Korean military would never meddle in politics and was quoted as saying: "I have no interest in politics". But by September he had resigned from the military and been inaugurated as President. In October he promulgated his new constitution, dissolving Parliament and all former political parties.

A nation-wide purge over the

A nation-wide purge over the past six months has eliminated most of the potential opposi-tion. More than 500 former politicians have been banued from politics for eight years, some 57,000 people have been detained and many have been sent to "reeducation" camps as part of a scheme to combat corruption and crime.

Student demonstrations have been quickly and severely sup-pressed and the news media have been streamlined and subected to greater government

control. President Chun said that order and stability had been restored, the presidential elec-tion would be held in February and a general election would be

FOREIGN REPORT

Another setback fuels criticism of American space shuttle away plastic razor had been in-vented first, the type with changeable blades only later.

Tomorrow the first two critical tests will ascertain whether the much-vaunted space shuttle can be launched on March 17—three troubled years overdue-as the world's first reusable space exploration craft.

Yet the snags which have dogged the project since its inception in 1972 are continuing. Last week a simulated count-down had to be aborted seven minutes before "liftoff because of a fault in the computer programme, made up of thousands of instructions to tems before firing.

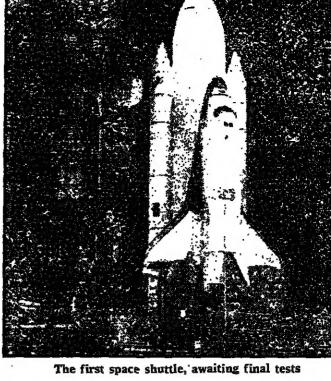
This is less serious than the radical problems experienced with the engines and heat shield and officials hope that it will not push back the launch date. It will, however, reinforce critics sceptical of the project's ultimate viability.

The remaining two tests are on the troublesome engines. Tomorrow's is at St Louis Eay, Missouri, where they are being modified. If that goes off without a bitch, the engines will be taken to Cape Canaveral for their final pre-launch trial next

In two tests last year, fire broke out in the engines. Since then, two more test runs have been successful, raising hopes that the fault has been cured.

The other main problem has been with the 30,761 tiles stuck to the exterior of the craft to prevent it burning up when it reenters the Earth's atmo-sphere. The tiles, on average 6in square, are formed from a lightweight silica fibre com-pound made from sand and able to resist heat of 2,300 F. In appearance, they resemble the polystyrene packing com-monly used for delicate equipment

After being cemented to the skin of the craft, some tiles were found prone to cracking under pressure. All of them had to be removed and reinforced by injection of a bind-ing material 0.1in thick—a



If a tile were to become cracked or dislodged in flight, the craft and its crew would surely be lost. A system has space been devised by which crew Apollo members can repair them in space, but there has been con-troversy because in the first flight, a proving run of 54 hours, this safety system will not be installed.

Mr Richard Young, a spokesman at the space centre, pointed out that the two pilots had not complained. They are Commander John Young, has made four space flights including one to the Moon, and Commander Bob Crippen, a first-timer.

He explained the delays as It is, in a sense, the reverse "teerbing problems" in a reve of normal technological olutionary engineering concept advance: as though the throw-

to go along for the ride. The shuttle will transport the European space laboratory and its accompanying scientists into

the heavens.

"The shuttle is essentially a truck", Mr Young said, "Once functioning it should be no more romantic than an air liner."

It has cost \$8,800m (£3,700m)

so far, compared to the Apollo programme's \$25,000m.

When functioning, it will be

used to lift into space satellites and other hardware which

would otherwise have needed

expensive single-use rockets of

Among the first bits of equipment it will carry is a giant space telescope which

will greatly increase our know-ledge of the universe.

The occasional privileged passenger with a professional

interest in space will be able

Iner."
The first of them, Columbia, the size of a small commercial jet, rests on its launching padnext to the Atlantic Ocean, embraced by its giant, cigar-shaped fuel tank and two pencil-thin rocket boosters. The tank will be ejected and will self-destruct when the craft self-destruct when the craft goes into orbit, but the rocket casings will parachute back to and made the point that the programme had been less liberally funded then previous Earth to be reused.

Its mission completed, the

craft will reenter the Earth's atmosphere, and lower its like a conventional aircraft. It will rely entirely on gravity— since its engines will have no fuel—landing like a giant

glider. Once launched, it will herald an age of sensibly-priced space journeys, the Sir Freddie Laker of the cosmos. But it its trast, is the product of a less extravagant era. Whereas former spacecraft were one-shot vehicles, each of the four shottles under construction is persistent teething pains delity it further, it could prove another of the recent blows to American self-esteem. The triumph of the first Moon-landing was more than 11 years ago now. Its aura already is fading in the memory.

Michael Leapman

Television viewers shown disgusting scenes inside sobering-up stations

Russia uses shock tactics to curb alcohol abuse state has appresent and pub-

This is the third and conclud-ing article from Michael are frightened with the Bingon, Our Moscow Corre-prospect of madness or impospondent on alcoholism in the Societ Union. The earlier of families and the carticles appeared on Tuesday, of children by drink. January 6 and on Saturday, Persuasion is als and on Saturday;

The early Bolsheviks seriously considered introducseriously considered introduc-ing prohibition in an effort to rid the young Soviet state of the scourge of drunkenness that was hindering their efforts to transform the country. They eventually discarded the idea eventually discarded the idea or transformable and a diversion from more urgent

Many people engaged in the unrelenting fight against alcoholism now regret such a the campaign against drunken-ness intensifies, prohibition is again being seriously discussed in many Soviet cities.

The authorities have adopted three broad approaches in their urgent efforts to combat country's most serious al problem — persuasion, punishment and decree. Persuasion consists of a massive propaganda effort by

the party, health workers, the press and local authorities to bring home to the population the damage caused by alcohol. Much is deliberately shocking. Television shows films of the burgeoning number of homes for mentally retarded children that have had to be built to cope with the offspring of alcoholic parents. Disgusting scenes from the sobering-up stations deliberately depict drunks in almost bestial de-

pravity.

The press gives details of the

tence, women with the breakup of families and the corruption Persuasion is also more subtle. Efforts are made to

Bolsheviks teach people to drink socially and in moderation. New cocksordid drinking in dark entry-ways and the hangovers of the

next morning.

The state has tried to boost the sale of beer and wine in an effort to cut consumption of vodks. More breweries have been built—several producing prestigious Czech beers and lagers. Shops are encouraged to stock the better Georgian and Armenian wines.

In a clever move capitalizing on the obsession of modern Soviet youth with Western products and fashions, the Russians have allowed Pepsi-Cola to set up bottling plants in the Soviet Union, open street kiosks and even put up the familiar brandname signs. It has become chic to ask for Pepsi or Fanta, the orange drink sold in the Soviet Union by Cora-Cola.

Attempts are being made to get Russians to revive the old custom of entertaining guests with tea. The Ministry of Education has sent booklets to help teachers with temperance lectures.

Persuasion is backed with stiffer punishments for per-sistent drunkenness in an effort to reduce public toler-ance of drunks, Ridicule bas messy murders, the most grisly long been used to shame people cases of assault, violence and into sobriety—drunks picked

up by the police have cartoons drawn of their inebriation, which are then pinned up on street notice boards. Drunkards are warned at their places of work about their behaviour and criticized at party meetings and by workmates at informally constituted "Comrades' courts".

It is now suggested that the covered vouchers to holiday centre has set up a residential resorts should not be given to clinic in the countyside which

mended that job references include a statement of drinking The press has called for the fine on illegal home-distilling of works, now widely drunk in the countryside, to be increased to 1,000 roubles (£637).

There are many cases of restaurants and shops near schools and colleges selling drink to minors to increase their turnover. The Minister of Justice has said that this was a particularly dangerous offence, but last year the courts Dunbut last year the courts pun-ished only about 700 people for enticing juveniles into drinking.

There have also been mounting calls for tougher action against drinking in factories, and hints that managers will be given a freer hand to sack drunkards without having to find them another job. In the Ukraine, several mines run daily checks for inebriation among the miners as they report for work.

Traffic police have also urged drunk. that a real attempt has been made to tackle alcoholism on a social and economic basis. The

tougher penelties for drucken driving. In the past year a number of people have been shot for causing fatal accidents But it is only in recent years

lished serious research into the causes, and has acted on several key recommendations with laws and decrees. One is the better provision of proper medical treatment for alcoholics.

drunkards. Heavy drinkers may can treat up to 700 people at a also be expelled from the Komtime. Alcoholics, all volunteers, somel (the Communist Youth are taught to relax without League) and it has been recomplicated that job references patients and their families. Special buses take them to factories each day where they are given well-defined work schedules or taught a trade.

There are also two outpatient centres in Kiev, including a hypnosis centre, where regular drunkards are invited to go for treatment. Courts can order compulsory attendance, and discipline is strict.

But Kiev has found that more effective treatment can be offered in special fee-paying wings of local hospitals where patients may admit themselves anonymously. In two years one such hospital has treated about 2,000 people. Similar centres have been established else-

Teetotal clubs have also been established with some success. Members take oaths, wear badges, meet weekly in comfortable club-houses, provide entertainment and organize summer outings and are able to bring guests,

The most drastic measure against drunkenness—prohibi-tion—has already been tried in some Soviet cities, but most Russians agree that national prohibition is simply not possible, so ingrained is the drinking babit.

Bokassa shadow creates a dilemma France last week reinforced any of the death sentences there should be a multi-party Henri Maidou hopes that he

its military presence in the Central African Republic in vesponse to Libyan activities in neighbouring Chad. Marines were flown to Bangui to join about 800 French troops aiready stationed at an Army base 100 miles from the border with Chad, This was done to emphasize France's support for its African partners in the face of what is seen as the threat of Libpan interference. It also indicates the extent of French of President David Dacko.

The former Emperor Bokassa of the Central African Republic was sentenced to death in absentia on December 24. The result of the week-long trial in Bangui was hardly a surprise. A procession of state wit-nesses ranging from former ministers to palace cooks gave evidence of Mr Bokassa's financial expropriations from the state coffers, of his bizarre culinary habits, and of his pet man-eating crocodiles, to sup-port the charges of murder, theft, embezzlement and canni-

balism. Details, even from those closest to him for many years, were vague and sparse and the wimesses showed a strong to repudiate nersonal involvement in the former emperor's activities. The verdict was never in doubt.

Mr Bokassa, however, remains unaffected by the trial or the verdict. After his overthrow by French troops in eptember, 1979, he was given efuge by President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast.

character did not detract from interest in the trial which broadcast by radio. As with the trials earlier in the year of former Bokassa henchmen, public interest has been high. President Dacko has already been criticized, especially by the families of students who were killed in January and April, 1979, for not having either confirmed or carried out

uials.

There is a widespread feeling that the President has been deliberately dragging his heels because many of the leading political and government figures in the Central African Republic were deeply involved in the excesses of the Bokassa cians.

supporter and ally is France and the French Government has no desire for extra details about the Bokassa affair to emerge. French authorities have no wish for the known friendship between President discard d'Estaing and Mr Bok-assa, nor the question of dia-mond gifts, to be raised again before the forthcoming French presidential elections.

France, with its military pre-sence in the Central African Republic and with technical experts and advisors in nearly all ministries, is in a good position to see that its wishes revenue collection.
are observed. In addition, the republic is heavily dependent half of the country's diamond upon French financial assist-

The budget deficit, likely to be at least 14 million CFA Once the Government starts francs (about £26,000) this its programmes, the unions can year, will be half covered by France. France pays for all cuts or dismissals and Mr communications links (including and communications links (including and content of the communications links (including and content of the c ing post and telephones) with the outside world. French companies have a virtual strangle-hold on the business sector and, France's subventione cover at least a quarter of the Goverament's monthly salaries bill. President Dacko has appounconstitutional changes. There will be a referendum before the end of this month, presidential elections by the end of March, and legislative and municipal elections by June. In addition, the President accepted, if unwillingly, that

system. He had made it clear will benefit. wanted his own Democratic the single party for at least two or more years.

exploits, notably the

"If a problem developed with

and it went away", he said.

"Apollo was a grear national

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The space shuttle, by con-

Apollo moon missions.

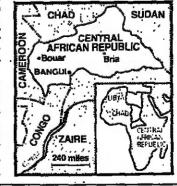
Within a week of the decision, two more political parties had been formed and there are a; least two other groups likely to be ready to contest elec-

Mr Maidou was sacked by President Dacko, however, is President Dacko in in a real dilemma. His main year because he publication President Dacko in July last year because he publicly advo-cated a multi-party system. He lican Progress Party and established close contacts with the trade unions. In mid-November, the Presi-

In mid-November, the President appointed a new Prime Minister. Mr Jean-Pierre Lebouder, a 36-year-old technocrat, who is half-French. Mr Lebouder, formerly Minister of Planning, has made it clear that it will be necessary to cut back on inflated staffing policies in state companies and government ministries, and tighten up on government tighten up on government revenue collection.

gally—some put the figure nearer to 80 per cent.

its programmes, the unions can



There are other potential presidential candidates. One is General Sylvestre Baugui, former Foreign Minister and deputy Prime Minister, sacked November. He has founded

his own party.

A more significant figure, if he is allowed to become a cauregime. The retricence of wittens. The most important didate, is Mr Ange Patasse, A nesses at the Bokassa trial, among possible opponents for former Prime Minister under while understandable, will President Dacko is Mr Henri Mr Bokassa, who has publicly merely fuel the suspicious Maidou, his former vice-president called for France to withdraw about several leading politications. The most important didate, is Mr Ange Patasse, A Republic. He was arrested for alleged plotting only weeks after Mr Dacko came to power cated a multi-party system. He in September, 1979. He has yet has now set up his own Repub- to be tried, but he was recently released from prison on grounds of ill health. The President has been making overtures to some of Mr Patasse's supporters, especially among the students.

Mr Maidou is bitterly disliked by the students because as Mr Bokassa's Prime Minister in 1979 he denied that any students had been killed at Ngaraba prison earlier in the year. This is still held against him, even though it was be who finally signed the request for French troops to end the Bokassa regime six months

later. President Dacko has not yet been able to generate much support for himself despite, or perhaps because of, his position as the Central African Republic's first President-he was ousted by Mr Bokassa in

Anything, that embarrassed his political rivals could well embarrass President Giscard d'Estaing and France, with only months to go before that presidential election. If that happened, President Dacko's hopes of election would be small. In the last resort, the winner in the Central African Republic will be France, supports and whoever causes fewest problems for

possibly four, by-elections and

there are persistent reports that Sir Garfield Barwick, the

Chief Justice, who is 79, is to

Arbitration Commission to

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ted to prove a headache for the

Government with possible union

disruption if it does not support

an equitable method of wage

structuring. Also, the unions

have already strongly con-demned the Government's

recent decision to sell uranium

is fearful that the Government

has been softening it up for a

takeover. The two internal air-

lines, one now controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch, are seek-

The national airline Quntas

The recent decision by the

announce his retirement.

Susan Morgan

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Shell denies sending oil from Nigeria to South Africa

From Karan Thapar Lagos, Jan 15 cally denied reports that it is the assets of British Petroleum in Nigeria were nationalized, ostensibly because it was flouring this embargo. Reports that the embargo

was being broken by Shell allege that Nigerian oil is being routed to South Africa through the Dutch Aptilles, in particular the Caribbean island of Curação, in chartered tankers flying the Liberian flag. These allegations were made by the

or indirectly," Mr Peter Holmes, diverting Nigerian crude oil to Shell's managing director, told South Africa. The Nigerian me in Lagos today. "Nigeria's Government has a specific em- export licences are explicit as bargo against sales to South to which countries we are Africa on all its oil. In 1979 allowed to send the crude to, to which countries we are

embargo, were also reported on the BBC's Focus on Africa programme yesterday.
Officials at Shell said they
were prepared to account for Dutch anti-aparthied organizabarrel of Nigerian oil tion, Shipping Research Bureau,

Swedish asylum Santiago, Jan 15 .- About 50

"I can categorically state

homeless workers occupying the Swedish Embassy in Santiago since yesterday asked for asylum last night after the Chilean Covernment failed to. solve their housing problems. Señor René Rojas, the Foreign Minister, said the Government had offered to send police to evict the workers but Swedish diplomats turned down the offer.-Reuter.

rom Karan Thapar that not a drop of Shell's agos, Jan 15 Nigerian oil has reached or is Shell Nigeria has categori reaching South Africa directly

and we adhere to these restrictions to the letter. This adherence does, of course, include indirect as well as direct shipments". The allegations that Nigerlan oil is being sold to South Africa despite the specific

handled by them to prove that the allegations were false.

50 Chileans seek | Earthquake jolts

San José, California, Jan 15.juries or damage. The University of California's

California

A moderate earthquake joiced a wide area of San Francisco Bay today, but caused no in-

seismographic station said the earthquake at 4:48 am registered 4.5 on the Richter scale. Its epicentre was about eight miles east-north-east of San José-the second moderate earthquake to shake the area in little more than a week.—UPL

Fraser Government races to beat new senators The political year started this. Government, will assume the with a backlog of legislation

week with the return of Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, to Canberra for the first cabinet meeting of 1981. Mr Fraser has been on holiday, fishing in Peterborough, a small village on the Victorian coast not far from his sheep property at Nareen. He has been away from Canberra for nearly six weeks, recovering from an attack of pneumonia. A year ago, he was similarly afflicted by pneumonia and some medical people have expressed concern that, first, he should suffer from the illness twice in such a short time, and

taken so long to recover, al-though this could be put down to exhaustion. For his part, Mr Fraser has refused to concede that his illness has been serious and has cheerfully allowed himself to be photographed in his fishing gear, looking suitably relaxed and content.

second, that he has both times

His immediate concern in Camberra will be the implementation of controversial pro-grammes before June 30, when the Australian Democrats, who are potentially hostile to the

balance of power in the Senate from the last session. with five newly elected mem-

But even without this pres-sure, Mr Fraser will have to of the National Health scheme -yet again—a new two-airline policy, the forthcoming retire-ment of the Chief Justice, controversy over uranium exports, new wage formulas implemented recently, the ever-pre-sent complexities of Indian Ocean defence and adapting to a new American Administra-

The Democrats, under the leadership of Mr Don Chipp, a former Liberal, have already made it clear that they intend to do everything they can to stop the Government "steam-rolling" sensitive legislation through the Upper House.

But the Government still has several months before the new separal mounts before the new senators take their seats and government strategists are already building a bank of legislation to be pushed through in the autumn session, which begins late in February. The Government is also faced

Internationally, Mr Fraser and his new Minister for For-

eign Affairs, Mr Tony Street, sure, Mr Fraser will have to have a busy year ahead. Mr face by-elections, a remodelling Fraser is hoping for an early visit to Washington for talks with the new Administration, mainly concerning trade sanc-tions against the Soviet Union and Iran, and increased military involvement in the Indian Ocean. It is believed that President-elect Reagan is inclined towards strengthening America's role in the Indian Ocean.

Australia has already offered Darwin as a staging base for surveillance B52 flights and the offer is understood to have been accepted.

Talks on bilateral trade, particularly in primary products such as beef, will also be held in Washington. In Europe, the EEC is expected to make a decision soon on Australian beef imports. Australia has threatened trade retaliations against Europe if it does not ease its tough protectionist

Back at bome, Mr Fraser has

stand.

ing to expand their horizons. A Government-commissioned report on hospital efficiency suggests that the Government

to France.

will have to do something about reorganizing health ser-Overall, there is expected to be more action this year than

Douglas Aiton

Tennis

Mayer is in seventh heaven after his first victory over McEnroe

New York, Jan 15.—Gene Mayer caused the first upset of the \$400,000 Masters champion. ships yesterday when he beat the limited States open champion. John McEuroe, 3—5, 7—6, 6—2 on the opening evening. It was 24-year-old Mayer's first win over McEuroe will have to beat the defending champion, Bjorn Borg, tomorrow night to qualify for Saturday's semi-final round.

Earlier, Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, and Jimmy Connors won their-first marches in the roundrobin competition involving the top eight finishers in last year's grand prix standings. Lendl, aged 24, couted Harold Solomon, 6—3, 6—1, and Connors defeated Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, 6—2, 4—6, 6—0.

Mayer is a New Yorker like McEnroe and he won five grand prix tournament last year to rise to fifth in the world standings. But he was given little chance against McEuroe, who previously had lost only one set to Mayer. McEnroe had also shown fine form in the Challenge of Champions tournament in Chicago hist week, when he crushed Connors in the final, 6—2, 6—4, 6—1.

"This is by far my greatest victory ever", Mayer said. "I've often though I could beat someone like McEnroe, but to actually do so is something. I began to believe in victory when I saw I was beginning to return his service well."

McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and more don Clerc ton McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and McEnroe won the first set comfortably, but then his service and mcEnroe won the first set comfortably.





Gene Mayer: return of service was crucial,

more double faults. Mayer plays

breakpoints in the third game.

Leadl and Connors both clinched their places in the semifinal round with their second victories. Leadl, now number six in the world, defeated Vilas 7—5, 6—4 wille Connors blasted his compatriot Solomon 6—2, 6—4.

Both matches were in the fourman red group of the competition Both matches were in the roun-man red group of the competition and Connors and Lendi will meet romorrow in a match to decide which of nicm wins the group. The winner meets the second player in the blue group winter the loser plays the blue group winner in Saturday's semi-final round.

Mottram puts Britain back on terms

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Britain and Sweden were level
after the two singles matches in
their King's Cup tie in Cardiff
last night. Anders Jarryd, almost
four years the younger, beat
Andrew Jarrett 6—3, 6—4 in an
hour and 25 minutes to put
Sweden ahead. But in the second
match Christopher Mottram came
from behind in both sets to beat
Per Hjertquist 5—4, 7—5 in an
hour and 40 minutes.
The King's Cup competition is hour and 40 minutes.

The King's Cup competition is a European indoor team champiouship for men. It is played in two divisions, with promotion and relegation at the end of the season. Britain and Sweden both won their first ties of the new competition last weekend and it was always likely that they would have a tough match at the Welsh National Sports Centre.

Jarryd is supposed to be the

except for Bjorn Borg. He certainly had a considerable advantage in weight of shot over Jarrett last evening. The important thing was that when he scened an opening, the Swede had it in him to go for the kind of big winner that was not within Jarrett's repertoire.

For much of the match Jarrett tended to go to the net without sufficient justification. Once there, bettended to hit tame first volleys and was consequently either passed or forced into error. He had plenty of bright ideas but tould not apply them effectively. By comparison with the Swede he looked something of a lightweight. "Andrew did not have enough guns" Paul Hutchings, Britain's team manager, said.

The second match maintained a match higher class. Hjertquit who lacks Mottram's experience, played irresistibly well in streaks but missed the most important Jarryd is supposed to be the nost powerful of Swedish players but missed the most important.

chances that came his way. In short, Mottram was the better player during the most crucial points and the most crucial games. points and the most crucial games. Bjertquist was serving for a 5—2 lead in both sets (in the second he also served for the set). But he could seize mone of these chances, for which he had worked so hard and so well. Double-faults tended to creep into his game when he could least afford them. Mothram, of course, gave him nothing. lit took Mottram four games to to settle down but after that he gradually assumed a tactical authority that was questioned only by Hjertquist's bursts of violent activity. Mottram took four consecutive games at the end of each set—and that tells its own story about each war's resource to the about each man's response to the OTHER RESULTS: Crochoelovakia 2, Finland 0: Norway 0, France 3; Bulgaria 5, Bolgiam 0.

Burns may join Francis in attack

Burns played alongside Francis up front in their Birmingham City days and the Forest management are tempted to depend on them re-establishing the profitable understanding they developed at St Andrews to contribute towards their publishing appropriate towards their publishing appropriate of their publishing appropriate appropriate appropriate of their publishing appropriate appropriat their rebuilding programme at the City ground. Speculation that, Burns may be employed as a striker has grown since he scored both goals for Forests reserves in a 2—2 draw against Sheffield United on Tuesday.

Ron Fenton, the former Rotts Ron Fenton, the former Fotts County manager, is taking over as Forest's first team trainer. He succeeds 65-year-old Jimmy Gordon, who was with Brian Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor at Derby County before joining them at Forest. Mr Gordon will keep at an eye" on training for various matches. Fenton has been training the Forest second training the Forest second training. ing the Forest second team.

Muhren, the Ipswich midfield player who injured a foot in the

5—1 win over Birmingham on Tuesday, missed training yesterday but is certain to play at Everton. The league leaders are certain to recall their England striker Cates recent their England striker Cates who has just completed a two match suspension. He will take over from O'Callaghan.

Everton, who already have their full back John Gidman doubtful with a calf strain, also learnt yesperday that Latchford, their former England etriller, who

dowever, may encounter pro-fessionalism of the standards they themselves have achieved if the Manchester City manager John Bond gets his wish when the er in the second leg of the League Cup semi-final round on February 10. on February 10.

City, who lost Wednesday's first leg at Maine Road to Ray. Kennedy's 81st minute goal, have not beaten Liverpool in front of the Kop for 25 years but Mr Bond insists: "I'm not throwing the towel in. If we can score an early goal at Liverpool it's wide open, and I believe I have enough organizational ability to make it difficult for them."

City remain convinced that the difficult for them."

City remain convinced that the Crear Yarmouth referee Alf Grey robbed them of a perfectly good goal when he ruled out a Roeves header, "Liverpool got away with a little bit of murder—but good lock to them", said Mr Bond, who tackled the referee about his contraversial decision in the third.

who zecolor the referee about his controversial decision in the third minute.

There is conjecture as to whether Tottenham Hotspur will include Ardiles for the home game with Arsena. On his arrival at Heathrow yesterday from Uruguay where he had been uppearing for Argentina in the Gold Cup tournament, Ardilla said he was readyto play. "I have no injuries and
although I am a little tired at the
moment: I expect to be fully fit
for the Arsenzi game", he said.

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Out of last Saturday's match at Ipswich.

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Cup tomorrow week. Liverpool, The Tottenham manager Keith however, may encounter order. seen Ardiles, however, before deciding whether to recall him to a side which has won two games and drawn three during his absence. His fellow Argentine, Villa, is definitely out of the game, with a tree timer. The full betwith a knee injury. The fall back Hughton is doubtful but Yorath has recovered from a knee injury. Arsenal will have Rix and Sun-derland back after injury, but Talbot and O'Leary are not ex-Talbot and O'Leary are not expected to play.

The Coventry City striker Ferguson is also dombtful. Since his ankle trouble last January he has played only two first team matches, and he may be ruled out of the local derby against Aston Villa because of an ankle injury which had kept him out of training for the past two days. Hateley, the man he displaced last Saturday, stands by for the result of day, stands by for the result of Ferguson's fitness test.

Today's fixtures

Why the League will not dance the tango

to use the tango ball because we

The Football League are to be taken to the European Commission in Brussels by Adidas, the in use the lamb half because we sion in Brussels by Addas, the sports equipment manufacturers, who claim that they have contravened the "restrictive practices" spreament of the Treaty of Rome. The League have refused to allow clubs to use the firm's "tango" half. Addas lamarized the ball in the 1978 World Cny in Argentina. It was used at the Olympic Games and in the European champlouship in Italy, last summer.

Parlane transfer

hits a snag

their former England striker, who has been out for two months with

tango has been besided The tango has been banned because it is black and white. The League allow only footballs that have their approval. Adidas say that is a restraint of trade and competition imposed against products from another EEC country. France, where the ball is produced.

A delay in the proposed £289,900 transfer of the Leeds. United striker Derek Parlame has ended Norwick City's hopes of having the former Scottish international in their side to receive Liverpool tomosrow. The Alliance Premier League is threatening to sever its links with the Southern League to an arguover which competition should be at the top of the nonsnown be at the top of the non-league feetball hierarchy. The Alliance decided yesterday not to relegant anyone to the Southern at the each of the season, and not to accept a "promoted" club from the Southern unless the row is swifed. in their side to receive Everpeor to morerow.

The Norwich manager Ken Brown said: "There is no hunry now because it is the late for Parlane to play or Saturday and he county play against Marnheater City next week either, herause he is cup ted. The whole thing has been left in the air and we will just wait and see what develops at their end." Mr Brown vinted Parlane to play against Liverpool. is settled.
The dispute is over a new com-Parlane to play against Liverpool, because his outstanding striker Justin Fashanu, is one of four Norwich players, who are doubtful through injury.

Adidas point out that last year they sold 300,000 tango balls throughout the world and that the potential English market would be world 1750,000 a year.

Graham Kelly, the League secretary, said his body had submitted their observations to the European Commission. "We feel we are entitled to restrict the designs of balls used in League games," he said. "We do not want a proliferation of designs.

"There is no question of disfind it to be the best." Gordon Lee, of Everton, said: "The tango football has been well accepted by our players and we have used it in all home FA Cup matches. It is entremely important that clubs playing in European competitions acquaint themselves with this ball."

Forset manager, supports the Brim Clough, the Nottingham Forest transfer, supports the Adides stand, "We have had extensive experience of this ball in all competitions," he said. "Haring won the European Cup twice and the Super Cup once using the ball, we'd be daignted to use it every other week at the City Ground. I only hope the League restriction is lifted." "There is no question of discrimination against Adidas. A number of our clubs use the Adidas white ball and we have offered them the opportunity to manufacture the official Leagured-and-white ball under licence.

Alliance may be threatened

mined to keep their own pre-eminent position.

At present the Northern Fremter and Southern Leagues act as "feeder:" to the Alliance, and "feeder:" to the Alliance, and the Alliance champions are nominated for a place in the Football League's fourth division. The new organization want to be able to put their own champions forward for a place in the Football League. Alliance and Northern Premier representatives met yesterday. The Southern were invited but did not attend. It was arreed that propetitien, to be formed in two years' time by a mreger of the Southern and lightnian Leagues. They say the new organization should be regarded as the most important outside the Football unless the Southern should end, now in the Southern should end, the seemed season, are detern should remain the thair seemed season, are detern seemed competition.

Australians prove to

Hockey

have a hard centre

From Sydney Friskin

Karachi, Jan 15

Anstralia 3. West Germany 1

Anstralia, with one day to go. put the third Chempion's Trephy tournament, sponsored by Pakistan International Airlines, in an interesting position by beeting West Germany here today. The result, while diminishing West Germany's chances, helped The Netherland's chances, helped The Netherland's who head the table with six points, although they still have to beat Ingland tomorrow to make sure of the trophy.

If The Netherlands draw with England, and Australia beat Spain, The Netherlands and Australia beat Spain, The Netherlands and Australia will be level on points. The winters will be decided on goal difference and them on goal average if the difference is the same, but these and other mathematical complications which could still arise, could have been avoided had the rules not been changed. Under the old system the result of the match between the teams was the deciding factor and The Netherlands have beatern Australia 7—5.

But Australia played so well today against the Germans that their position, should that finish on top, will not be grudged. They played with better pattern, a higher work rate and more datermination, tactically proving the advantage of the hard centire from the wings. All three goals were scored in this fastion. The motivation was provided mainly by Trevor Smith who had a fine game at centre helf and confirming this, Don MacWaters, the coach, said:

"I am very pleased. Except for a couple of slow patches in both periods we played a fast, flowing game, which is our style."

West Germany made a tactical blunder which they tried too late. To correct. By using four middfield men they blocked the approaches to goal but early creative ability up from suffered from a lack of support, both strikers, Krull and Blocher, having been outnumbered when challenged. More strength was put into the attack after the lineryal but Australia their second goal four minutes later and again a poor clearance proved costly. This time the ball was hit b

goalkeeper tried unsuccessfully to cut off the centre and after a brief tussie near goal, Batch scored his second goal.

West Germany int back with Peter converting a short corner and their drooping spirits were revived, more so when Blocher displayed a masterpiece of stickwork and control five minntes later. He was brought down on the point of entering the circle but an appeal for a short corner was denied by Mr Vijayanathan who ordered a free hit from outside the 25-yard line. Germany forced one more short corner from which Reid saved well and after that Australia were in no more danger.

Australia: G. Reid, J. Irving, C. Davies, D. Beil, T. Smith, G. Boyes, T. Walth, C. Batch, W.

G Davies, D., Bess, I., Sauch, Boyce, T., Walsh, C., Barch, I., Thornion, R., Charlessouth (capital Most), C., Carlessouth (capital Most), C., Carlessouth (capital Most), C., Carlessouth, C., C Doppies: 'G Visyanathan (Malay-sia) and C Todd (England) Standings

Yachting

Tabarly wins award Eric Tabariy, one of the most

famous racing yachtsmen in the world, was presented with Yachtsman of the Year award at Yachisman of the rear awain at the Boat Show, Earls Court yes-terday, John Nicholls writes. The naward was made by the Yaching Journalists Association for Tabarly's achievement in establishlang a new transatlantic sailing record of just over 10 days. The previous record was held by a schooner called Atlantic in the schooner called Atlantic in the heyday of sail.

Tabarly followed another: Frenchman, Alain Catherineau, as yachisman of the year. Catherineau was selected for his rescuing of the crew from a sinking yacht in the last Fastnet Race. Tabarly's the last Fastnet Race. Tabarly's next venture will be the Observer double-handed transatlantic race which starts from Plymouth in June. He will be one of the favourities to establish a new record for the east west crossing, which, because of the peeraling winds in the Atlantic, is higher than the crossing in the opposite direction.

For the record Basketball

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MATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Philipadriaha Téers 110, New Jersey Nets 105; Boston Collect 120, Cloweland Cavallers 113; Indans Pacets 101; Detroit Pistons 99; Washington Bullets 114, Los Angeles Lakers 104; San Antonio Spurs 116, New York Knicks 105; Porviand Trail Blezers 110, Kanyas 105; Porviand Trail Blezers 110, Kanyas Charles 110, Honston Roctocta 107; Porviand Trail Blezers 110, Long 128, Denvey Nugoris 122; San Song 128, Denvey Nugoris 128, Denvey Nugoris 128, Denvey Nugoris 128, Denvey 1 80. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CUPI Thick series group quarter-lass round arrive Buchster 82. BSF. During the State of Football

Skiing Cricket

FRIENDLY MATCH: Strasbourg 3

Rugby Union

Davies fit but still Wales suffer a hiccup

By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent

The Welsh stand-off holf, Careth
Davies, who has laid a slight knee
strain, was passed fit vectorized to
to play against England in the
first international of the season,
in Carally tomorrow. He was
given medical clearance at
Bridgend and then participated in
the Welsh training without any
apparent discomfort, almough he
was not subjected to a really
rigorous test.

The No 3, Squire, suffered no
fill effects from a recent hamstring

Mr Rowlands was asked whether, in the light of the sorry encourage between the two sides at Tariolandham last year, he intended to say anything on this project to his players. To this he revised: "We are looking at this year's game. We don't went to look back." The No 8, Squire, suffered no fill effects from a recent hemstring twinge, and the only Weish casualty, if that be the word, during their training was the young Newport wing, Acharman who missed the later stages of it. The chairman of Welsh selectors, Keith Rowlands, played down questions about Ackerman's departure with the deadest of dead bats: "A minor hiccup", he said. bats: "A minor hiccup", he said. When asked if he could enligh-ten the media with a little more

The England captain, Beaumout, was a good deal more forthcoming at the end of a sharp training period at the South Glamorgan institute in Cardiff. He predicted an England victory, though he was not prepared to say by how much:
"The team is in a really buoyant

up where we last off in Edinburgh in March after the last leg in the grand slam."

Beamout also tave a pledge that England, given the right conditions, would play 15-mon rugby: "The players have got the brains to assess situations, and the skills to exploit them." This approach was confirmed by the coach. Mike Davis, who said that the side was well enough balanced to be colle to attack through the forwards or through the backs. through the backs.

through the backs.

Davis added that he was pleased that England had abandoned recent custom and arrived in Wales 48 hours before the match, instead of crossing the horder on the day itself; "I think when England did this in recent years they found the atmosphere too suddenly intense." he said. "Now the players have time to absorb it."

Everyone in the England party Everyone in the England party is reported fit, and "Budge." Rogers, the chairman of their

selectors, declared himself highly satisfied with their training yester day even though it was conducted in utpleasant conditions on a slushy pitch and in a chill and cifficult wind. Last evening the party were spectators at the king's Cup tie in Cardiff between Britain

Cup tie in Cardiff between Britain and Sweden.

At the end of what looked, in some respects, to be a perfunctory Welsh training period, the captain, Fenwick, observed, with tongue in cheek, that perhaps it made a nice change for them to start as underdors. He conceded that England were the only country in the championship with a more or less settled side "and that must be an advantage". The Welsh coach, John Lloyd, said he thought the odds were 50-50 at the start. "After that", he added, "it will be up to the lads. I thought the side was well prepared against liew Zealand, but perhaps is wasn't tuned mentally for the occasion at that stage of the season. Now they're raring to go". No-one will doubt that.

Half backs who made success whole for King's

King's College 22 King's College 22 Middlesex 0
King's College were much too
good for Middlesex in the first
round of the Hospitals' Cup competition at Wimbledon yesterday.
They won by a goal, a try, and
four penalty goals to nothing, and
go on to play the holders, St
Mary's, at Enfield, on January 29.
As in previous years, the half
backs, Griffiths and Padwick, had
a big hand, and foot, in King's
success. Griffiths was the little
general at scrum half, until he
went off in the second half with
slight concussion, and Padwick the

Middlesex were in trouble in the front row, conceding several heels against the head, and hardly put one movement together that did not end in a dropped pass. There were a couple of runs by Joce yn Ellis on the right wing, but that was their only return for 80 minutes labour. They were not the team they were last year, when they made one of their rare

man who kicked the goals. This appearances in the second round, time, he landed four penalties out and gave Westminster, the evenof seven attempts, plus a contruel runners-up, a difficult match.
version. Between them, he and in the first half, and converted a sile work of King's forwards.

Solventary. Padwick kicked three penalties in the first half, and converted a smart try by Griffiths. Skyrme-Jones, the No 8, picked up the ball at a scrummage in the Middlesex 22 and Griffiths ran round the blind side to ground it near the posts. Griffiths had another try disallowed in the second half, and was concussed in the process. King's were noticeably less workmanlike without his presence—either that or they had lost interest somewhat by then.

Padwick kicked his fourth

penalty in the second half, bend-ing the ball in from the right after he himself had been obstructed, and Skyrme-Jones made a try for Edmonds, again made a fry for Edmonds, again with a pick-up at a scrimmage near the line. St Mary's will be another story, and King's are none too confident of a happy ending.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL: R. Ackinson: 8. Clerk. R. Bals!, D. Haines. S. Lowe frep R. Hartson: 1f. Padwick. 1. Criffiths frep R. Hartson: 1f. Padwick. 1. Criffiths frep R. Hartson: 1f. Giyan R. Breder. S. Davies S. Campbell. P. Briggs. C. Wardis. S. Tollymer. R. Breder. S. Davies S. Davies R. Broder. S. Davies S. Papure. P. Miller. C. Ellis. D. Bowen, R. Hunter S. A. Calboway, R. Roger, M. Jezierski, G. Gernel. J. Falser, J. Flaher, J. Eason, R. Joy, Referec; A. Evans (London)



Over my shoulder goes one care: Skyrme-Jones goes flying but feeds Griffiths (right) for the try

Table tennis

Rackets

Douglas atones for earlier shortcomings 21—19 in the firsth of the re— By now, however, Douglas's verse singles to give England a backhand and the deceptive winning lead. Changes of tactic were working.

Crawley had match point at 13—12 in the third game, but Nicholls beat him with a smart

Nicholls beat him with a smart batkhand return down the wall and, helped by two aces, won the next five points. Crawley wan because he was the better server and more balanced player, purer of stroke. But Nicholls had his chances in the first three games, only to finff many of them.

Hue Williams beat the tall, athletic Lesie 6-15, 15-9, 15-9, 17-14. Surfering a point to

9, 17-14, surviving a point in

the fourth game that would have taken them into a final. The win-

net's experience was one answer.
As happened against Mark Nicholls
on Wednesday, he varied his service and Leslie had difficulty in
reading it. Leslie's recent lack of

match play in this class he has been at the top of the squash ladder for some years was another. But now he is back in rackets.

Boycott threat as

Athletics

Ethiopia :

Ice hockey

snub Ireland

Ey Richard Streeton
The heavy acquired character
and resilience of England's table and resilience of England's table tennis team were shown when they beat Crechoslovakia 4—3 in the European Leagne at Belper last night after losing the opening two singles. In a grapping and fluctuating match, sponsored by Auto Windscreens (Chesterfield) Ltd, it was a success that kept England in the hant for their first league championship. When the match began with defeats for Desmond Douglas and John Hilton, it seemed that Czechoslovakia were going to progress to victory with unexpected ease against known form. Jill Hammersley, however, took the women's singles, England won both doubles, and then Douglas atoned for earlier shortcomings by bearing Josef Dvoracek 21—11,

By Roy McKelvie
Randali Crawiey and Paul Nicholis; the under 24 champion played themselves to a standarill in the amateur rackets singles championship at Queen's Clab yesterday. Crawley won and william Boone, in one semi-final round match tomberow. In the other, John Preim, his holder, will also meet his doubles paraner, Charles Bue Williams who warded off a strong challenge from Jonathan Lesie.

Crawley best Nicholis 17—14, 15—3. The pace was fast, the rallies long and the excludy recoveries of lost causes were such that at the end of the third game, both men were not just breathless, but staggering. In the middle of that game eight successive blank hands were made as if they were just playing by instanct and hope.

Lead shared by

Palm Springs, California, Jan 15.

Bruce Lietzke and Bob Gilder shared the lead after the first round in the Bob Hope desert golf classic yesterday. They finished on 65, one stroke ahead of the field.

of the field.

With temperatures souring into the mid-70s and without a trace of a breeze. Gilder achieved his score on the tough Tamarski course, whereas Lietzke was at Bermuda Dures. These are two of the four courses used for the first four rounds of the five-day, 96-bits event.

Ray Floyd (at La Quinta), Jerty Patr (at Bermuda Danes) and Jesse Snead were one stroke behind, just clear of a hig group, which included Lee Treumo and Lee Elder, on 67. Jack Nicklaus corteed his 1981 season with a 68 at La Counta. He did not go over par but falled to get a birdie on any of, the par-five holes.

The defending champion, Grain

The defending champion, Crais Stadler, had n 69 at La Quinta. His assateur team comprised Bob Hope, Gerald Ford and Tip

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and Lietzke

Gilder

By Roy McKelvie

winning lead.

Douglas was unrecognizable as the man who earlier had been trounced by Milan Oriowski. with a devastating emphasis that made nonsense of Douglas's No 3 European ranking. Douglas has often been a slow starter but it was almost painful to wanth the self-induced errors he made.

Douglas was still not at his best as he and Paul Day won the doubles in straight sets against lindrich Pausky, who was unexpectedly partnered by Douglas, in the mixed doubles which followed, Douglas, playing with lowed, Douglas, playing with Linda Jarvis, at last found his true form. The Czechoslovaks; Pansky and Marie Hrachova, won the first set and fought hard all the way in the decider.

changes of factic were working with complete efficiency.
Hikton's early and rare defeat by Dyoracek, who lost to the Englishman in the European championship limit, was a tense affair with Hikton guilty of annecessary mistakes at crucial moments. Hikton led 3—3 and later 12—5 in the first set but allowed Dyuracek to catch up at allowed Dyuracek to catch up at

14—1.

RESULTS: England 4. Crechoslovakia
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results: Sinnasty 4. France 3. West

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Union 3. Sweden 4.

Speed skating

Dutch threat to the Russians

Heerenveen, Jan 15.-Russian skaters look firm favourites for honours at the two-day women's European championships which open in this northern Dutch town on Saturday. The world champion. Natalia Petruseva, who won the Placid Olympic games last year heads the four-strong Russian

But Russian dominance could be broken by the reigning world sprint champion, Karin Enke (East Germany), Norway's Bjorn Eva Jensen and the Dutch girl, Ake Boorsma, who won the national title last weekend. The 21-year-old Miss Boorsma from Drachten near here, will draw a big crowd to the championships.—Retter.

Skiing A staggering singles match | Stenmark goes downhill

Kitzbühel, Jan 15.—Ingemar Schmark will compete in a World Cup downinil race for the first time in his career on the tough

time in his career on the tough Hahnenkamm, track here on Saturday. Three times winger of the cup, the Swede has contested only slaloms and giant staloms because he believed that racing in downhills also would affect his mastery of these technically exacting disciplines.

Downhills call mainly for speed and courage; slalom racing demands poise, balance and rhythm as competitors weave through tightly placed gates. Stenmark's trailan coach, Herman Nogler, said the Swede's aim in racing in the downhill was to collect, valuable World Cup points in a combination event. This is a "paper" contest based on the combined results of the Hahnenkamm race and a slalom in Oberstaufen last

Tuesday, in which Stenmark finished second.

Although Stenmark has no prospect of being among the leaders on Saturday, he has a good chance of collecting combination points if he finishes the gruelling 3,270-metre ourse without mishap. Mr Nogler said. Stenmark's main objective was to overtake Phil Mahre, of the United States, a slalom specialist who races in downhills. Mahre ranks second in the overall World Cup standings with 105 points; Stenmark is third on 95.

A snowstorm forced the post-A snowstorm forced the post-ponement of todays training for the two women's World Cup downhills at Crans-Montans on Sunday and Monday. The race tion event. This is a "paper" organizers hope that two training contest based on the combined results of the Hainenkamm race Reuter and Agence France-and a slaiom in Oberstaufen last Presse.

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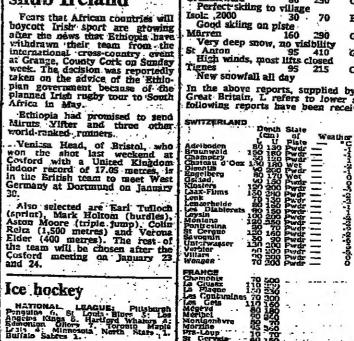
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:





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Indians achieve respectability but Australia assured of place in final

From Dilip Rao Sydney, Jan 15 Australia boat India by 27 runs here today, their sixth win and which they would have exone which they would have expected to achieve more easily after putting up a total of 242. It guaranteed them an appearance in the best-of-five final of the one-day Benson and Hedges World Series Cup competion, and it will constant not it. and it will not matter now if they lose their one remaining fix-ture, against New Zealand, also

at the Sydney Cricket Ground, on Tuesday. For their part, New Zealand will need to win that match only if they lose to India on Sunday and do so conceding runs at great speed. Before today's match, India lagged a fifth of a run

lodia lagged 2 lifth of 2 run behind their rivals.
Today, India's batting performed quite respectably. The embarrassment on this occasion was their bowling, which was not equal to the task of containing Australia on a pitch of very high quality. In fact, it was the same one on which Australia and New Zealand played the cliff-hanger of two days ago. two days ago.

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splendid chance of limiting the Australian score when they toppled Greg Chappell for only two, with Yashpal Sharma taking two, with Yashpal Sharma taking a splendid tumbling catch at extra cover. More often than not, the early exit of Chappell triggers off panic in the Austraham ranks, but this time the innings was kept on course by Allan Border, who made a chanceless 85, off 133 balls. less 85. off 133 balls.
The Indian batting touched its highest mark while Roger Binn; and Dilip Vengsarkar were purting on 57 runs for the second wicker at a shade above the asking rate. Their association began in only the third over when Gavaskar was given out Ibw to Lillee, Gavaskar looked aggrieved at the verdict and pointedly stared at the inside edge of his bat as he walked away.

of his bat as he walked away.



bowler has found himself desper-ately out of his class on this tour, today batted with confidence and put all the weight of a strapping. Anglo-loding frame behind his

Vengsarkar, too, looked a better basman for giving free rein to his shots. Having faced 74 balls, he made 52 which, after Border's 85, was the highest score of the match, while Binny fell lbw intrying to glance Graf. Vengsarkar, at a time when runs were beginning to get harder to obtain, went in chase of a widish ball from Hocz and was caught one-handed. Hogg and was caught one-handed by Marsh.

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While Viswanath has not done justice to himself on this tour, he has played brilliantly for many scores of medium-size. But today he could not get going and eventually drove at a ball from Greg Chappell and was not quite suited for the purpose. The following batsmen all played with character, but the Anstralian howling was but the Australian bowling was quite releatless, except during 2

unhappy season, so be is unlikely to be selected in spite of his prodigious feats for South Africa. The other three would be automatic choices if Richards returns in time, with Procter a likely captain in succession to Ali Bacher, who

retired three years ago and is

Transvaal's leading cricket ad-

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Standings:

Reduced tour party

Sydney, Jan 13.—The Australian Cricket Board decided today to send a 16-man team to England later this year. The number has been cut from 17 to 16 because of the stightly reduced tour and the concentration of limited-over matches.—Agence France-Presse.

Badminton

Sponsorship of Indian and Chinese

By Richard Streeton

Fears that the forthcoming tours of England by Indian and Chinese of England by Indian and Chinese hadminton teams would luse money have been dispelled by sponsorship from Crest Hotels worth more than £21,000. Crest will also help the game at lower levels by providing free meeting rooms and reduced accommoda-tion rates for tournaments such as county championships.

. The Indian national team play five matches in Crawley, Plymouth, Stoke-on-Trent, Huddersfield and Gloucester between February 10 and 22, Crest will also sponsor a men's triangular match between England, Sweden and India at Preston on February 25 and 26, when the prize money will total 25,500, and five of the six matches being played by the Chinese in May.

Badminton, like several similar sports, is having a difficult time in the present recession. A smaller version of what used to be the Laing grand prix had to be abandoned this winter when no sponsor could be found and the cutback by many councils on care-taker costs and heating has affected the game in local halls. affected the game in local halls. The daily cost of a visiting team of 14 like the Indians can be between £300 and £400 and the Crest deal has saved the Badminton Association of England a heavy loss. A spokesman for the hotel group said they saw the new agreement as the start of what they hoped would be a long partnership with badminton,

National Cup sellout tion aunousced yesterday that all tickets for the ASDA National Cup, between Doncaster and Crystal Palace on Friday January 23 at Coventry Sports Centre, had been sold.

Book reviews





Buchanan (left) and Aird : fortifying the over-30s

The 'old hands' receive their chance of a title

Billy Aird, the long-serving heavyweight from Liverpool, is being offered another chance of winning the British title, which John L. Gardner relinquished to concentrate on Europe. An application from a promoter in the Midlands, for the contest between Aird and Gordon Ferris at Bingley Hall. Birmingham, on March 30, to be recognized for the vacant title, has been approved by the British Boxing Board of Control. Their approval is conditional on receipt of signed contracts; the contest must not take place any later than the stated date; and the winner has to defend the title by June 30.

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Singing the green, green grass of home

Law Report January 15 1981

Court of Appeal

Ex-wife to get half share in sale of house after 30 years

Brykiert v Jones Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Brandon and Lord Justice Oliver

A former wife who had parted from her husband shortly after their marriage and left him in occupation of their jointly purchased home for 30 years is nevertheless emitted to a half share in the proceeds of sale of

The Court of Appeal so held The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Mrs Jill Jones (formerly Mrs Brykiert) from an order of Mr Justice Whitford that she was only entitled to a one-tenth share in the proceeds of sale of the house in Chandos Avenue, Newbury, and that her former husband, Mr Herbert Brykiert, was entitled to the balance.

Mr P. R. Simpson for Mrs jones. Mr Bryklert appeared in

LORD JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that the parties shortly after their marriage in 1948 bought the house in Chandos Avenue in their joint names for £2,350, Mrs Jones had names for \$2,350, Mrs Jones had paid \$480 towards the purchase price, and the balance was provided by a mortgage in their joint names. The marriage came to grief, and in 1951 Mrs Jones left the matrimonial home. In 1953 she petitioned unsuccessfully for divorce on the ground of cruelty. In 1967 the joint tenancy of the

In 1967 the joint tenancy of the house was severed by a notice served by motice served by motice served by Mr Brykiert. The marriage was eventually dissolved in 1972 and both parties remarried shortly thereafter. But Mr Brykiert remained living in the house throughout and made all the necessary payments to repay the mortgage. He alone had paid the rates and other outgoings on the house, its estimated value was now £26,000.

In 1979 the proceedings were instituted by Mr Brykiert Issuing a writ claiming that the property be sold and a declaration that Mrs Jones be entitled to no more than £480, with interest, out of the sale

proceeds. Mrs Jones served a defence claiming entitlement to at least a balf share.

Mr Justice Whitford, in deciding that she was entitled to a mere one-teath share, had over-looked the fact that the conveyance contained an express declaration of trust in favour of the two purchasers as joint tenants.

The parties had declared what their respective interests in the their respective interests in the property were: when Mrs Jones left in 1951 she had a vested beneficial interest in the house. Section 53(1)(c) of the Law of Property Act, 1925, expressly provided that any disposition of an equitable interest or trust had to be made in writing and signed by the herson making the disposition. the person making the disposition. There was no suggestion here of any disposition by Mrs Jones of writing or in any way.

It seemed that the judge had formed the view that in order to allow Mrs Jones to continue to assert her half share he had to find an intention on her part which would justify such a continuing claim. But there was no need for her to justify her claim; it was a right in the property which was vested in her and which she was entitled to rely on without doing anything other than without doing anything other than standing by. The fact that she had not demanded an earlier sale of the house or required any routs or profits was of no significance.

The judge had approached the case from the wrong angle. There was no room for any constructive or implied trust of Mrs. Jones's initial interest in the house for the benefit of Mr Brykiert. C sequently the appeal should allowed.

Lord Justice Brandon and Lord Justice Oliver agreed.

The appeal was allowed and a declaration made that Mrs Jodes was entitled to half the proceeds from the sale after crediting Mr Brykiert with the mortgage repayments of £1,890.

Solicions: Graham White & Co.

Oueen's Bench Division

Cannabis definition: new offence created

Taylor v Chief Constable of Before Lord Justice Donaldson and Mr Justice Forbes

[]udgment delivered January 14] [Judgment delivered January 14]
By the amended definition in
section 52 of the Criminal Law
Act, 1977, "caunabla" means not
only the flowering or fruiting
tops but the whole of the plant
except caunabls resin and certain
other separated products. The
effect of the amendment is that,
for the purposes of section 6 of
the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971
the table not be lawful for a the Misuse of Drugs A.,
("it shall not be lawful for a
person to cultivate any plant of
the ganus Connabls"), cultivation
of the cannabls plant is synonothe the production of a

controlled drug, which is offence under section 4(1). offence under section 4(1).

Accordingly the Divisional Court beld that Howard Peter Taylor, of Quantock Drive, Ashford, on whose premises cannable places had been cultivated, had been properly convicted by justices at Ashford, on a charge that he, being the occupier of the premises, permitted or suffered the production of a controlled drug, comtrary to section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, and dismissed his appeal.

Section 52 substitutes for the

Section 52 substitutes for the definition of "cannabis" in section 37(1) of the Misuse of Drugs tion 37(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act: 'Canabis' (except in the expression 'canabis' resin') means any plant of the genus Canabis or any part of any such plant (by whatever name designated) except that it does not include canabis resin or any of the following products after separation from the rest of the plant, namely—(2) mature stalk of any such plant (b) fibre produced from mature stalk of any duced from mature stalk of any such plant, and (c) seed of any such plant."

Mr Anthony Shaw for the defendant; Mr Seddon Cripps for

the prosecutor,
LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON LORD JUSTICE DONALISON said that the defendant was the occupier of a house in Ashford. Five cannabis plants were found in a bedroom which he did not occupy. He knew of the presence of the plants, which had been cultivated by another occupant of the house who had been convicted of an offence under section 6 of the Act (cultivating cannabis plants).

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It was submitted that he had committed no offence under sec-3.15: 1, Turk (7-2): 2. See Lane (4-1): 3. Cheers (events fav).

committed no offence under section 8.

Under the unamended section 37 "cannabis" meant the flowering or fruiting tops of any plant of the genus Cannabis from which the resin had not been extracted. Under that definition the charge would have been that he had permitted premises to be used in the production (which included by section 37, production by cultiva-tion) of the flowering or fruiting

tops of cannabis plants. There was no evidence that he had done

amended by section 52 of the Criminal Law Act, 1977, to include the whole of the plant except cannabis resin and Certain other separated products. What was now charged was that the appellant permitted the premises to be used in the production by cultivation of a controlled drug, namely cannable plants.

The prosecution argued that by the amendment cultivation of cannable plants was the same as production by cultivation and that the defendant had been properly

For the defendant it was contended that it was not right to equate sections 4(1) and 6, and that Parliament could not have rendered section 6 oriose, which was the effect of the prosecution's contention. If that had been the case Parliament could have the moved the section and by retaining it Parliament must be presumed to have invended it to

presumed to have intended it to The answer to that, which had been given in the course of the argument by Mr Justice Forbes, was that while that might be a good argument in interpreting an Act of Parliament in its original form, it lost much of its force when applied to an Act which had been amended. Parliament could have removed section 6, but there was not much point in doing so even if there was an overlap. There was no answer to the prosecution's submission.

The effect of the amendment might be that reputable borti-culturalists who had licences to cultivate cannabis plants, and were therefore exempt from prosetheory, be open to prosecution under section 4(1) unless they also had licences to produce cannabis. They should take certain that their licences covered

both activities. The appeal should be dismissed. MR JUSTICE FORBES, agree-ing, said that it was disturbing that before the amendment no offence could have been committed offence could have been committed by an occupier even if ne know-ingly permitted or suffered can-nabls plants to be cultivated on his premises, but that the offence was created by the amendment. If that were Parliament's inten-tion one would have expected some reference to the fact that a new offence had been created.

The amendment, however, had the clear and inevitable effect that the new offence was created. It was worrying that it had been created by a sidewind.

Solicitors: Girling, Wilson & Harrie, Canterbury; Mr R. A. Crabb, Maidstone.

The custody order was later

Power to intervene

the party's means given over a year earlier, and then made a full order for costs against him, had exercised her discretion wrong-fully, and accordingly the Court of Appeal had power to Intervene even though the judge had refused leave to appeal.

The court granted leave to the husband to appeal from a costs order in favour of the wife made by Judge Rowland at the couclusion of custody proceedings. The appeal was allowed, and the court directed that a registrar inquire into the husband's current means and report back to the judge.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that on June 1, 1979, after hearings lasting eight days, the judge awarded custody of the two children to the wife. The husband was legally aided with a nil contribution. Costs were reserved at that stage, but it was clear that in the course of the giving of evidence the judge formed a strongly adverse view of the husband, and in particular that he had not made a frank discipeure of his means.

The Court of Appeal held that varied, and no decision on costs a judge who, in determining under section \$(1)(e) of the Legal in October, 1980. The judge then, relying on her previous assessment of the parties, ordered that the matter's meant of the parties, ordered that the matter's meant of the parties costs assessment of the parties of the section of the sectio the busband pay the wife's costs incurred up to June 1, 1979. She had no information before her as to the husband's present means. She refused leave to appeal from that order, and the husband applied to the Court of Appeal. As a result of section 31(1)(h)

of the Supreme Court of Judica-ture (Consolidation) Act, 1925, the Court of Appeal only had furisdiction in the matter, leave to appeal having been refused, if the judge had, by taking into con-sideration extraneous and irrelevant matters, not in truth exercised a discretion at all: Jones v McKic ([1964] 1 WLR 960). By section 8(1)(e) of the Legal Aid Act, the judge had to have regard, inter alia, to the conduct and means of the parties. ' Means " meant the means at the time the order for costs was made. Since no evidence was given in October, 1980, as to the husband's means at that time, the judge had not exercised her discretion judicially and the court could and would interfere.

Mr Justice Reeve and Sir Stanley Rees delivered concurring

Ghost team to emerge after a decade in the dark

From Eric Marsden

Johannesburg, Jan 15 They might be the finest cricket team in the world, but they will have nobody to play against. For the first time in 10 years—when the apartised protest forced the republic into isolation—there is to be a South African Test team, though there is little prospect of their being invited abroad or of their being host to a visiting side.

The decision to select an official The decision to select an official Springbok 11 was taken by the South African Cricket Union, who said they had nominated a three-man panel to do this on March 21 after a challenge match between the Datsun Shield winners and the rest of South Africa, which marks the end of the season here.

Most of the probable national Most of the probable national team will be on view during this limited over match, though there could be surprises. S.A.C.U. officials refused to comment on whether there was a possibility of a tour by an international team at the end of the season. The odds seem against it and, because no official match has been arranged for the ghost side, the players will not be entitled to weer Steinphok.

Only three members of the 1970 South African team, who were regarded as unofficial world champions, are still playing first-class cricket—Eddie Barlow, Mike Procter and Graeme Pollock. Another member, Barry Richards, is contemplating a comeback for Natal.

Barlow, the Western Province captain, is 40 and is having an

Howarth fears a repeat of

Policok, at 36, is still South-Africa's batting superstar and is heading the Currie Cup averages for the third year running. He played in 23 Test matries between 1963, and 1970, scoring seven centuries, but has since stayed at county crowds. The leading all-rounder is the Nottinghamshire captain. Clive Rice, who would have had a South African cap in 1971 had not spartheid out an end to the planned tour and started a Peter Kirsten (Derbyshire) and Alan Lamb (Northamptonshire), both prominent in last year's English averages, seem batting certainties, while the leading bowlers include Vintcent van der being betracht van der being bestellt in der bestellt was der betracht van der being bestellt be

Bijl, who played a major role in' Middlesex's successes, and Garth

Vanburn Holder, the former West Indies fast medium bowler, released by Worcestershire last year, will play for the Birmingham League club, West Bromwich

Geelong incident

Bundaberg, Australia, Jan 15.—
Geoff Howarth, the New Zealand captain today warned Queensland Country bursonen to wear a protective helmet when facing his fact hunders Howarth was trees. tective heimet when facing his fast bowiers. Howarth was speaking on the opening day of a two-day macch here when the New Zealanders scored 281 for four declared in their first innings and the local side were 80 for eight in reply at the close. He said "We don't want a repeat of the Geelong incident."

Howarth was reserving to the fouring team's match last week against Geelong and Districts in which the local opening batsman, Peter Oxlade, was struck three times by balls from Richard fiadles and went to hospital for observation. "Country players just don't realize the pace of howlers such as Hadlee."

Hadles was the only bowler of six used by Howarth today not to obtain a wicket. Bruce Edgar, too scores for the New Zealanders, was out four short of bis first century of the tour. Paul McDwan scored 81 and all countries.

Holder's new team

ones for sporting books. Towards the end of it four more sppeared that maintained the trend for with rugby, badminton and cricket and in addition to an historical backcloth, they share the virtue of being informative as well as

of being informative as well as entertriming.
Rugby's contribution in recent mouths has been enriched by the Welsh centenary season. It was farsighted of the Welsh Rugby Union to insist that the first 100 years of their official history should record more than just the famous matches, the great players and the obligatory administrative story. The brief for the book laid down that the rugby should be put in perspective against the principality's industrial, religious and social development.

Two young professional historians, David Smith and Gareth Williams, were entrusted with the work and the outcome, Fields of Praise (University of Wales Press, work and the outcome, Fields of Praise (University of Wales Press, £12.95) is a rugby book that is the best of its aort in therto attempted. High praise, perhaps, but there is no doubt that these 505 pages will remain the definitive work for future generations. Like all such histories, some sections will have a wider appeal than orders. It is a book to linger over rather than to read straight off. The authors have handled the early days specially well, the growing pains in connection with selections, tactics and amateurism, all still topical in different ways today. They

both modern day heroes and those from the past. What might be called the non-rugby passages are skilfully interwoven into the developing rugby story; where apt, monepls of humour are not approach. spurned. A truly memorable book that will be enjoyed where-ever rugby is played.

considering that badminton was established in both England and India before modern day lawn tennis, the first full-length history of the game has been delayed overlong. Bernard Adams has remedied this with The Badminton Story (BBC Publications, £5.75 bardback, £4.50 paperback). Mr Adams was the producer of the recent television series "Better Badminton". It was his researches into the game's past for the programme game's past for the programme that led him to write this book. Like other historians, Mr Adams cannot really solve the mystery whether badminton began mystery whether badminton began indoors at Badminton House or outdoors in India. He has, however collated all the evidence available about the early days and then followed the game's development around the world right up to the first open, fully professional tournament at the Albert Hall in September, 1979. The personalities of tamous past blayers are splendidly captured and the book is fully sourced and illustrated.

Those who enjoyed Gerald Howat's earlier cricket books on Constantine and the game at vil-

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Results at Wincanton yesterday

lage level will know the proficiency to expect from Cricketer Militant: The Life of Jack Parsons (North Moreton Press, Didcot, 15). Once sgain Mr Howat, in what is clearly a labour of love, has turned his ability as an historian and writer to wonderful effect with a rewarding subject. Canon Parsons, who is 91 next May, has led a varied existence of a sort uccommon in our own specialist era. His forceful driving as a batsman for Warwickshire, together with his changes of satus between amateur and professional, have become legendary in the game. As a soldier he experienced Callipoli and was with Allenby's army in the First World War; he knew India in the days of the Raj; in letter life as a churchman he earned both respect and love from his parishioners. This is far more than a cricket book and Mr Howat has conveyed with great success both the character of the Howat has conveyed with great success both the character of the man and the flavour of his times. An enormous amount of hard work and application must have

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Fire Drill's win is a tonic for News King

Racing Correspondent Most of the early skirmishing between punter and bookmaker on the outcome of the Schweppes. Gold Trophy on February 14 tock place on Mount Harvard yesterday. After the form book worms had burned the midnight oil thumbing the pages and sitting through the weights, a hard core of opinion came to the conclusion that the bandicapper might have of opinion came to the concussion that the bandicapper might have erred in giving Mount Harvard as little as 10 stone. Mount Harvard has been set to meet Heighlin, Starfen, Gay George, Sea image and Killer Shark on vastly better terms than before and that the exact weight differences range from 271b to 111b for distances varying from four to six lengths. Those who participated in the Those who participated in the gamble on Mount Harvard which forced Hills to cut his price from 25-1 to 14-1 will thope that their punt will not come unstuck the way one did on his stable companion, Bealmablath, at Wincanton vesterday. Bealmablath started favourite at 5-4 to beat a field of 15 that included its who had been le that included six who had been entered for the Schweppes. He beat all of them except Fire Drill and finished 15 lengths ahead of

Ascot programme

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1.35 BUCKTAIL CHASE (Handicap: £1,860: 2m)

2.5 HAIRY MARY HURDLE (Handicap: E3,017: 3m)

last two races he had been the end of it? don't get on with narrowly beaten, at Kempton and you or you with me we'll part at Newbury, by another Schweppes company on the best of terms ""

In fact they never had an arenthe certainly advertised yesterday. Whether Fire Drill will also be in the lineup for the big burdle at Newbury will depend on whether, bis stable companion, Celtic Ryde,

South Africa have also de-veloped several lesser-known all-rounders like Alan Kourle, the Transvaal spin bowler and middle-order batsman; Robbie Armitage, Eastern Province third batsman and change bowler, and Natal's wicketkeeper-batsman, Tich Smith.

The Oteley Hurdle at Sandown Park the week before is Celtic Ryde's objective in the near future but if for some reason he has to miss that race the Schweppes would be a logical alternative. Their trainer, Peter Cundell, sald vesterday that Fire Drill would only deputize if Celtic Ryde was absent. As for Mount Harvard, who is how sharing favouritism with Applatto, he is likely to run before Newbury at either Kempton Park or Haydock Park hext Saturday. If he runs well in his warm-up tace his odds will be even shorter on the day. The Oteley Hurdle at Sandown

No one could have been more No one could have been more delighted to win the Lillo Lumb Challenge Cup yesterday than Tim Forster, who saddled not only the winner, Flagstaff, but also the third. Mr Snowman Afterwards, he recounted to me the day that Miss Lumb asked him to take over her horses after her previous trainer, Tom Yates, had died:
"Miss Lumb said to me." You can Success for Fire. Drill did not come out of turn because in his have them for a year and if at

In fact they never had an argu-ment and the happy and success-ful parmership was to common for 13 years until Miss Lumb died five years ago. Yesterday was the second time in three years that her trainer had won her race.

Dramatist duly won the John Bull Steeplechase but he was not particularly impressive bearing Hutton Lad. Still, it should have done his confidence a world of good and I will be surprised if his trainer, Fulke Walwyn, does not venume further with him before long. When settled in behind he ought to be capable of staying three miles.

staying three miles.

Highway, the colt—who caused more than just a ripple in the Triumph Hurdle market a fortnight ago when he won so impressively at Newbury, is to make his second appearance under National Hunt rules at: Ascot today in the first division of the Suver Doctor Novices Hurdle. Bob Davies could accretely hold Highway at Newbury— Novices Huttle. 500 Davies could scarcely hold Highway at Newbury and they won by eight lengths. On the debit side, his jumping left a lot to be desired and he may not always get away with such a flippant attitude. The other division looks a suitable opportunities. The other division looks a suitable opportunities of the looks and the suitable opportunities.

amends for finishing only second in his last two races.

Mac Vidl, who is without a doubt one of the most popular horses in training, will be trying to win the Green Highlander Steeplechase for the second season in succession at the ripe old age of 16. In this instance I prefer Approaching, who was far from disgraced in his first race of the season at Newbury where he finished fourth in the Mandarin Steeplechase. Steeplechase.

in different ways today. They

Watching Accelerate win his first race of the season the same afternoon, few could have realized that he had been off the course that he had been our me course for two years suffering from heart trouble. There was nothing sus-pert about his performance and 'I hope to see him confirm that promise by winning the Thunder and Lightning Steeplechase.

There will be an inspection of the course of Newcastle early this morning to determine whether racing is possible there this afterracing is possible there must attend toom. If the programme goes ahead Night Nurse should make up for falling at Kempton on Boxing Day by winning the valuable Pintail Steeplechase.

such a flippant stritude. The other division looks a suitable opportunity for High Old Time to make Tomorrow: Market Reser: Soft. 2.35 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING CHASE (Novaces: £3,629: 2m)

3.5 GREEN, HIGHLANDER CHASE (Handicap: £4,417: 3m) Approaching 'P), J. Chrord. 10-11-10 R. Champion Martinatown (D), Mrs et. Deston. 9-12-4. Mr M. Reners 7 Mac Vidi (CD), Mrs et. Deston. 9-12-4. Mr M. Reners 7 Mac Vidi (CD), Mrs et. Deston. 9-12-4. Mr M. Smith Mander. (D), R. Armylage. 10-10-15 F. Francome Manner Spy (CD), T. Forrier. 12-10-12 R. de Mann A Royal Exile (D), F. Winter. 12-10-4 R. de Mann A Tenacook, F. Smith. 12-10-0 P Warner 0.6 Approaching, 7-2 Monder, 9-2 Martingsown, 6-1 Mac Vidi, 8-1 Master Spy, 10-1 Rogal Exile, 19-1 Tenecon.



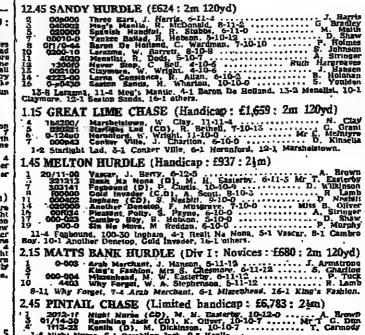
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Mark Bonham Carter examines the flawed record of a controversial area of government

What is wrong with the Home Office?

Is the Home Office by its very nature accident prone? It is not necessary to look back to the days when Mr Henry Brooke was Home Secretary, only to reflect on the record only to reflect on the record over the last two and a half years when the Home Office has continued from time to time to trip over its own feet or alternatively, by simply doing nothing, to find itself ambushed by events.

The recent report of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee describes the impression the Home Office made on them. The committee examined the department's response to the recommendations of official committees, Royal Commissions, and in particular to the Younger Committee on Privacy and the subsequent Lindop report. Both were concerned with matters of extreme importance in any democracy where the liberty of the indi-vidual may be invaded if his privacy is not protected.

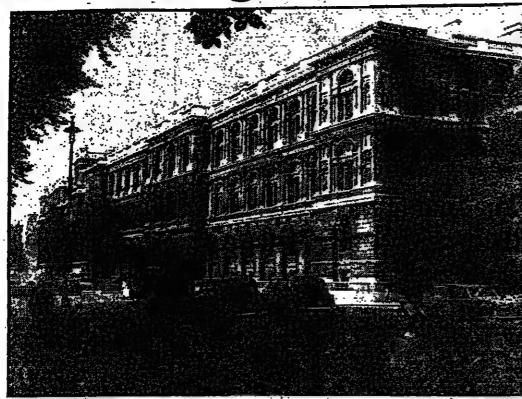
Though the Younger

Though the Younger Committee reported in 1972, little has been done to act on its moderate and largely uncontroversial proposals. Arising out of Younger, Lindop was asked to advise on legislation governing the use of computers handling personal information, a significant libertarian ssue. Despite the work (and the cost) of the two committees the Home Office made it clear that it attached "no great priority too legislation technical surveillance

Not only is this an area where individual privacy is at growing risk, but Lindop had stressed to the contrary "the urgency of formulating United Kingdom policy in this field in order that the Government can play a fruitful part in the negotiation of international arrangements". Lindop's fears have largely been fulfilled. The Home Office have procrastinated, and as a consequence this country had fallen behind our colleagues in the EEC and elsewhere on the Continent.

The committee feared that, as a result, we would find our-selves at a disadvantage in the preliminary negotiations pre-ceding the signature of the European Convention on Data Protection, nor were they reas-sured to be informed by a senior Home Office official that it is not necessarily good idea to have a policy cut tion is ready for signature"even if you wish to sign it.

In addition they were surprised to be informed that we
had not lost business owing to country" which could allow patient (my italics) had borne "restrictions of data link a child", and that X-ray tests transmissions to the United were used to assess the age of Kingdom". In the light of the immigrant minors.



The Home Office: a rag-bag of responsibilities

their inquiries the committee described the Home Office as "dilatory and complacent". There are other examples. The first is the Home Office v. Harriet Harman, where it succeeded in its contempt action. Harriet Harman, legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties, had shown docu-ments which had been read out in open court, to a journa-list who, had be taken them down in shorthand, would have been at liberty to publish

As the judgment shows the Home Office appears to be right in law, but as everyone knows and the judge virtually edmitted, the law can be an ass. That being so the question to be asked is: "Why was the action brought?" The Home office has given its answer. action brought?" The Home Office has given its answer—to clarify the law. But its actions belie that answer. The night before the hearing the Home Office offered to call off the action if the NCCL were prepared to pay its own costs. The two positions are incompatible. The second example is of a different order. In January, 1979 it was revealed that

female immigrants were being subjected to so-called "virginity tests" which are really no such thing but intended "to determine whether the patient (my Italics) had borne a child.", and that X-ray tests were used to essess the see of

The ensuing row led to an cerned undertaking that virginity tests volunta would cease, but the use of suggests has continued and if X-rays Yellowlees Report accepted will continue. The report, which pays no regard to the affront to individual dignity such tests involve, raises a number of other issues to which it pays little attentou. It concludes, for example, that the use of X-rays of a child's bone provides "a fairly accurate". way of estimating age. In this it is in disagree-

ment with the bulk of expert medical opinion. Professor Marshall, Professor of Human Biology at the University of Biology at the University of Technology, writes categorically that "this statement is incorrect" and he goes on: "The true ages of the majority of healthy children ... would be within about two years of the "bone age" but in a few cases the discreoancy would be greater than this." Thus the X-ray test provides unreliable information but in addition the report ignores the fact that in June, 1979 the British Medical Association condemned as un-Association condemned as unethical the use of X-ray examinations for administrative purposes, not least presumably because of the dangers they

Nor to me is the word patient an accurate description of someone subjected to such tests in the circumstances with which the report was conIn the event, after a severe mailing in the House of Lords and with the realization that the Blunt affair might not have been revealed had the Bill already been enacted, the Home Secretary rapidly and responsibility for Northern Ireland is still to be found in the House Office. The Northern Bill already been enacted, the Home Secretary rapidly and wisely withdrew it. Had he not

The politicians responsible for the Home Office and the civil servants who run it are no dif-ferent from their colleagues elsewhere. It may be that the

to artitudes and practices which provide some chies.

The Home Office has accumulated a rag-bag of responsi-bilities which include among others policy on criminal law. official secrets the police and the prisons, liquor licensing, censorship and obscene displays, electoral matters, taxis and immigration.

It is difficult to find a common thread linking these various and miscellaneous duties except that the bulk of them are regulatory. It has to stop people committing crimes. escaping from prisons, selling and alcohol out of hours or putting and on obscene displays.

"Thou shalt not" might appear to be the name of the game. It makes it difficult to perceive Home Office policy and practice as other than negative: this apparently negative approach has rarely been more. exquisizely presented than in the letter to the Home Affairs And then there is the little flasco of the Protection of Information Bill which is connected with the reform of section 2 of the Official Secrets their report and Under has been on the political agenda ever since the Franks Committee reported in 1972. The last Labour government was committed to legislation. The present Government claims merable in Committee, and reprinted in their report, from the Assist-ant Under Secretary of State for the Criminal Justice Department, a masterpiece in

And the daily process of dealing, as it does, with innu-merable individual cases where the possibilities of error are manifold, may well discourage bold initiatives and encourage

A prime example was its old responsibility for advising the Sovereign on the reprieve of an individual under sentence of death. This was a decision no Home Secretary could delegate. It was a decision that only he could take. The highly centralized nature of decisiontaking which many have noticed as characteristic of the widespread recognition of the Home Office may derive from need for reform that the production of the Protection of Official Information Bill in had to be handled.

In addition there is the Home Office feat. How could it curious fact that until recently

have hoped to get away with a the Home Office was respon-measure so highly restrictive sible for Northern Ireland. and containing so many obnox-ious elements?

There, for as long as possible, it left ill alone. There can be

wisely withdrew it. Had he not done so its numerous defects would have been more widely recognized.

Other examples could be produced. But why do these things happen at the Home office? It cannot be what is known as the human element. The politicians responsible for the secretary and his immediate predecessor were secretary and diate predecessor were secre-taries of state in the province. One can only ask whether the circumstances and the tra-

impress on anyone the importance of security, of secrety and law and order are the right background for a ministry which is in effect responsible for human rights in the United Kingdom in their broadest sense. For despite the regulatory functions to which I have referred the Home Office has duties which would test the energy and imagination of the most constructive and humane intel-

penal reform, probation after-care, race relations and securing equal opportuni-ties for women, for broadcast-ing, privacy and the extension of freedom by reform of the Official Secrets Act. How is it that the negative appears to have smothered the positive have smothered the positive role, that immigration control appears to have a higher priority than a drive to improve race relations, that the introduction of short, sharp shocks and punitive measures towards young offenders is higher on the agenda than prison or penal reform?

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If only more importance were attached and seen by the public to be attached to the positive aspect of the Home Office's functions it might change the public perception of the department and the atmosphere in which members of the department work.

the department work. In all these areas there is plenty of room for constructive and humane reform which would in no way conflict with the purist tenets of monetarism. A glimmer of compassion might be no bad thing. Mr Whitelaw has the opportunity to be a great reforming tunity to be a great reforming Home Secretary. The forth-coming Nationality Bill and his reaction to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure

Geoffrey Smith

Radicals in search of a cause

One of the principal predicaments of Labour right-wingers these days is that they are not sure what they believe in. They know what they are against. Marxist left-wingers and Thatcherite Conservatives. That would seem to leave sufficient ground in between for sober management of the nation's affairs. But sober management is not enough for social demois not enough for social demo-crats who entered politics to

change society.

This essential radicalism is often forgotten by those who seem to regard social demo-crats, or a possible new centre party, as instruments for making the country safe for Conservatives during the intervals between Conservative governments. A spirit of radiation of the conservative governments. calism is not much use, though, for those who cannot make up their minds what to be radical about. Social democrats need a philosophy that goes beyond moderation.

Their last prophet was Anthony Crosiand, whose great work, The Future of Socialism, is republished this week. Many of the current political difficul-ties of the social democrats come from the recognition that some of the central tenets of Croslandite revisionism have little appeal in today's climate. It is no use basing policies on the assumption of a steady rise in public expenditure in real terms unless it is possible to achieve the economic growth without which higher and higher public spending is not politically or economically acceptable.

Equality of enjoyment

Yet is it true that Croslandism has simply been outdated by changing conditions? Can it be itself revised to provide an updated philosophy for a new generation of social democrats? that is the question examined in another book published this week, The Socialist Agenda**. The essence of Crosland's version of the good society was

version of the good society was what might be termed equality of enjoyment, which was to be pursued without massive exten-sions of public ownership. The word "enjoyment" has a double significance, Crosland was not thinking simply of equality of opportunity, but of equality in the outcome in income status and access to the good things of life. He also wished to jettison the puritan element in the socialist tradition. Life, was to be enjoyed. Problems were to be solved.

This optimistic vein runs through The Future of Social-ism and is evident in many of the essays in The Socialist
Agenda. It is less in keeping
with the gloomier world of
today, where the conditions for optimism are less evident. There is less attachment to the the principal preoccupation is not how to share the fruits of prosperity but how to revive a sluggish economy.

Yet one does not need to be an egalitarian to see that there is a place in British politics for those who champion the underdog, and who believe in a more highly organized society rather than in 'reliance on market forces,' because the underdog never gets fat in the market. They therefore want a government that will be inter-ventionist without upsetting the balance of the mixed

One of the critical areas for intervention, according to this school of thought, is in fixing school of thought, is in fixing school of thought, is in fixing rates of pay. Incomes policy was not a central feature of crosland's thinking, but two of the 12 essays in The Socialist Agenda deal directly with incomes policy, and others have something to say on the subject. Ar a time when there is still acute anxiety over inflation, this is a logical approach among politicians and political thinkers who believe in a managed economy. Professor James Meade's alternative proposals for a system of arbitration are a particularly notable contribution to the subject. I suspect that he puts too much faith in the general acceptance of a rational

of saying that he is too optimic-tic, too trusting, in my judg-ment. But the question of whether or not to have an incomes policy has been so much at the heart of British politics and government for so many years that it is democratically healthy for the social democrats to work out with some care how such a policy might be operated.

What the social democrate are doing is seeking in their economic policies to update the postwar consensus from which Mrs Thatcher wants to break away. That consensus

the last year or two by it: association with failure. If the Thatcher experiment fails ir its turn then a return to the consensus might appear a rather more attractive option than it seemed as the Callaghan Government was crumbling, It would be best if the country could be presented with a choice between this and Con servative policies at the nex

election.

But from what political base should an updated version of the old consensus policies by presented? One of the most critical questions in British politics today is whether this can and should be done from within the Labour Party, Most though probably not quite all contributors to The Socialis. Agenda write in the belief tha it should be. Others, will similar views on policy, are expecting to break away.

A good deal has been said and written recently about the prospects and timing of such a move. There is a considerable danger of making the plan-sound too cut and dried Nothing is definite. Mr Roy Jenkins is expected to raise his own standard, possibly in March. Mrs Williams, Dr Owen and Mr Rodgers have been having discussions with him recognition that it would him, recognizing that it be to the advantage of all of them if any move they made was concerted with Mr Jenklos But it is not yet certain that the trio will break away, and they would probably be tant to move as early as March Whether there is a break

away from the parliamentary party in the next six months is likely to be influenced con-siderably by what happens at the party's special conference on January 24 to determine the new method for electing the leader. In one sense the significance now attached to this conference is curious. When it was first arranged it seemed likely to be critical to the immediate future of the party. because it was expected to create an electoral college which might well have chosen a left-wing leader in pre-ference to the right-winger elected by the parliamentary

That would have been major development whose sig nificance would not have beer lost on the general public. But in the meantime the parliamen tary party has itself elected a new left-wing leader. So what

ever the special conference decides will not affect the immediate leadership of the party. There would therefore be more difficulty in persuading Labour voters that this was an issue that justified splitting

an issue that justified splitting the party.

Yet the conference does matter for the long term, and for its symbolism. If an electoral college is set up especially if it is one in which the parliamentary party has fewer than half the votes, the leader will be made more vulleader will be made more vulnerable to the pressure of the constituency parties and the trade unions, and the ascendancy of the left within the party will have been confirmed. Coming on top of everything else, it would make a bresk more likely. And that would in turn make it less likely that Crosland's legacy would be-come the official policy of the Labour Party.

*The Future of Socialism by Anthony Crosland (Cape

the Socialist Agenda: Crosland's Legacy. Edited by David Lipsey and Dick Leonard (Cape £7.95).

Camp David: how the EEC can help

The United States Embassy in new ceasefire lines and no Cairo is now allegedly the lar- negotiating positions, nor are gest in the world but foreign diplomats requesting informa- Beltish Foreign Setretary takes tion about the progress of the over the Presidency of the Camp David peace talks have Council of Ministers in June. discovered that the embassy reacts to them with the timidity of a banana republic. kind of euphoric vacuum in Several European embassy which the Egyptians are ear-Several European embassy officials were asked by the Americans to submit their questions on paper before visiting the United States compound and found, when they kept their appointments, that a committee of American officials had been delegated to reply, reading each optimistic answer from a small piece of typed paper. It did not say a lot about American confidence in Camp

there likely to be when His current visit to Egypt is. therefore taking place in a nestly hoping that the EEC can spare them the collapse of Camp David but increasingly coming to realize that it may not be able to do so.

Reluctance

For the Community has no intention of coming to the rescue of the peace plan that Mr Jimmy Carter constructed in diplomat uses distinctly undip-lomatic language to describe the American effort to per-suade the world that the Egyp-tian-Israeli peace treaty is on Palestinians any serious form Istaeli' reluctance to allow the Palestinians any serious form of self-determination has only course. "They've been deluding themselves", he says.
"They just talk builshit.
They've been deluding us as well." It is in this atmosphere of district and surgician.

The Venice declaration last June therefore enunciated two of distrust and suspicion between Europe and the United
States that the Arab nations—
and particularly Egypt—are
waiting to find out the measure of the so-called EEC "initiative" on the Middle East.
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June therefore enunciated two
basic principles which the
Europeans—or the "international community" as they
rather pompously called themselves—regarded as unfulfilled
by the terms of the Camp
These
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Tather pompously called them. Foreign Minister, set out on the Middle East tour to discuss the prospects of an Arabtrace prospects of an Arabinvolved. He came back to Europe acutely aware of in the region, including Israel:

Israeli bostility towards the proposals in Lord Carrington's and justice for all the people, EEC's involvement and of



which implies the recognition of the legitimate rights of the of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Just what these "legitimate rights" were thought to be remained tantalizingly undefined but it was against this background that M Gaston Thorn, the Luxembourg Foreign Minister, set out on

King Husain: to offer him a measure of control again over the West Bank would, the Egyptians say, only return the Palestinian problem to the unsatisfactory status quo that existed before 1967

cerned. A patient accepts voluntarily the tests a doctor suggests. An immigrant child

seeking entry to this country is

in no sense a patient. Nor is a child in a position to give consent and even supposing consent were given on its behalf,

that consent, it could plausibly be argued, would have been

The present Government claims to be libertarian. Mr Clement

freud's Freedom of Informa-tion Bill followed by Mr Michael Meacher's, shortly to be followed by Mr Frank Hoo-ley's, kept the issue alive. Mr Freud's Bill received an unop-

posed Second Reading, sur-

vived an unruly committee stage, only to be lost with the calling of a general election in

But it received support from members of all parties. It is against this background of

And then there is the little

given under duress:

Syria's tight military and political control of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The EEC nonetheless decided to produce a number of discussion papers on the Middle East. There were documents on Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory, on jerusalem and on security. The British wrote a paper on the principles. of self-determination. These files are kept in Brussels and have never been released although they are, by the very nature of things, scarcely a peace plan. They constitute only ideas that could be included in a future could be included in a future community policy. Such a policy has depended limelight upon the progress of Camp monarch.

espousing whereby King Huain would be offered any inducement to enter peace camot produce an alternative plan in Cairo.

Description of the political wavelets and the produce and the plan is not the political wavelets. it be known that he needs an

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it be known that he needs an alternative to Camp David. His officials talk of a "broadening" of the Camp David peace process but there is little doubt that any new Arablarabl agreements would look very different from Mr Jimmy Carter's: carefully delineated essays. Above all else, Mr Sadat wants to avoid the possibility that Mr Reagan will impactionly than to Jordan.

To offer King Hussin a

Palestinian problem to the unsatisfactory status quo that existed before 1967. More important still—though less publicly expressed by the Cairo Government—is Mr Sadat's actipathy towards King Husain. He has no intention of seeing himself cut out of the peacemaking process and ceding the limelight to the Jordanian monarch.

maintained these contacts and only last month a very senior Foreign Office official met Mr Arafar's hext distinguished visitor could be the next President of the Council of Ministers Lord Camington himself.

Se'ra going to be so much

Datter off; Jeremy's lost

his driving licence...

David. Only now are the Egyptians coming to realize that the slmost equally opposed to the peace treaty will not guarantee Jordan option for the simple fuses the problem of Palestin-ian self-determination. The the Israeli Government does fuses the problem of Palesunnot intend to uproot its settleian self-determination. The
issue therefore revolves around
advent of the Reagan era and the degree to which the Palesthe appearance of the "Jordan tinians—or, more specifically
option"—the notion which the PLO—can participate in a
even Dr Kissinger seems to be new peace process.

President Sadat has now let suade and cajole Israel and toe known that he needs an Egypt to broaden their peace lternative to Camp David. His within the Arab world. But it can provide a platform for the Americans to find another fortoular; it can act as a transition between a dead peace plan and And in this, the EEC can

pariently turn to Jordan.

To offer King Husain a Beirut—as a conduit between the West. Bank would, the Egyptians say, only return the Palestinian problem to the unsatisfactory status quo the maintaine.

The Bank would the maintaine Arafat, the PLO and Mr Yassir Arafat, the P

MOSCOW DIARY

The English are well known to supply. Ten years ago there the Russians as dog-lovers, and the typical Englishman in Soviet films and popular imagination always has one or two dogs in he Russians
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his home. Nowadays the description applies equally to the average Muscovite. A mania for
dogs, cats, birds, hamsters and
pets of all kinds is gripping the
country. Almost every household boasts some four-legged
creature.

Thogs are especially fashionany time of the day

The bigger the dog the
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or night you can see young men exercising their dogs in the parks or pensioners waking them in the yards and gardens beside each black of flats. As 'you go up the staircase in almost any block you can hear barking and yapping coming through the usual black sup-posedly soundproof padding on

posedy soundproof padding on people's front doors.

All breeds can be found: 50 degrees, who travelled 4,000 miles to Moscow to collect a poodles for ballet dancers, terriers for teachers, wolfbounds for engineers. Alsatians, St. Bernards, collies and English buildogs are popular. So, in A good pedigree dog can be privated and appropriate transportation and mother-in-law.

lation alive.

The bigger the dog the greater the prestige, and people will go to inordinate lengths to acquire the right status symbol. I know of one couple who live in Yakutsk, in eastern Siberia, where the win-ter temperature falls to minus

spite of a natural and somewhat embarrassing disadvantage in and breeders make a fortune. the winter snow, is the dachs- It's a profitable and still legal hund. At the moment, in fact, the moment, in fact, the dachshund is in short.

A good pedigree uog can be many senters, on the hooke after them, turning in case they are moved on by them loose when they tire of them or move into a new flat, licence, keep their puppies and the number of strays has builted inside their jackets. As increased alarmingly. The law the dachshund is in short.

one of the most fascinating places in the city. Every Saturday and Sunday it is thronged day and Sunday it is througed with pigeon-fanciers, fish-breeders, peasants from the countryside with rabbits, hamsters, canaries, coypu and other creatures for sale. At huge crowd pushes and josties round the stalls, prosiding, peering, filling up old pickle jars with brightly coloured miniature fish or spooning out birdseed from a

newspapers.

Dogs are not officially meant to be sold in the market, but there are plenty around.

Usually their owners hang usually their owners hang around the entrance, carrying large baskets covered with a blanket from which you can occasionally see a wet black nostril poking out. Big dogs sit on the ground under the trees, looking rather forlorn, accidently in midmenter when especially in midwinter when only a bit of straw or old newspaper is put down for them on the snow.

Many sellers, on the lookout in case they are moved on by

spooning out birdseed from a sack into cones made from old

their coats with a furtive "psst" like dirty-picture sellers to reveal a trembling.

All dogs should be officially registered with the local veter-inary authorities and are then given a number or address tag which they have to wear on their collars at all times. They their collars at all times. They are inoculated against rables and the owners are tald how to look after them. Most Russians are fanatically proud of their dogs and eagerly take part in the shows and competitions organized for kennel club members. The winning dogs are awarded certificates, and medals, and often their owners take them, for Sunday walks with all their medals and ribbons proudly strapped to the bons proudly strapped to the animal's chest. It could only happen in Russia. happen in Russia.

But there is a sad side to the present explosion in the canine population which is seriously worrying the authorities. More and more people buy dogs out of caprice and do not look after them, turning them loose when they tire of them are more into a new flat

dering without its owner on the streets in parks, markets, on city transport or elsewhere is

considered a stray and may be picked up. If not claimed within three days it can be destroyed or sent to laboratories for medical research.

Each year in Moscow alone some 27,000 stray dogs and 23,000 cats are destroyed. Local authorities in the Ukraine annually get rid of 200,000 dogs that

ally get rid of 200,000 dogs that have no apparent owner.

There have been all kinds of suggestions what to do, includ-ing a legal limit on the number mg a legal limit on the number of dogs you can own and the introduction of a dog licence. One journal recently criticized those who adopted strays out of pity. It says, one woman in Mostow has in her flat 40 dogs, 38 puppies and two cats; another has 12 dogs, six puppies and 16 cats. It called this absurd and a muisance to all the and a nuisance to all the neighbours.

neighbours.

The article described the hatred that municipal dog-catchers arouse in the population. They have seen attacked and beaten, their vans have had the window smashed and crowds have surrounded them screaming "munderers " g "murderers" and sadists" But it said the health dangers posed to people and to other pets by strays were considerable.

Not long ago a pack of stray dogs made its home among the Mot long ago a pack of stray dogs made its home among the scenery and discarded props of the main Moscow film studios. Becoming hungry, they attacked and bit people working there and killed four black swans which were the studio's pride. But when they were finally put down by dog-cauthers there was such an outcry that the local authorities had to set up a special inquiry. The idea of a licence has met stiff opposition. When a tax on each dog-owner of one rouble (63p) a month was imposed in the Ukraine in 1970 thousands complained to the press. The authorities said it cost at least that to provide the entra street cleaning, free inoculations and to build parks where dogs could be exercised. Finally this year the state got rough and imposed for the first time a universal dog licence of 15 roubles (f9) a year. The aim is not so much to make money but induce a greater sense of responsibility in dog-owners.

in dog-owners. A new campaign has now

begun to suppress the latest fad: excitic pets. Many Russians have started to keep wild animals in their flats:

monkeys, foxes, badgers, snakes. and even lions. A tragic case of a family in Baku recently then fatally attacked the mother was given great prominence in the press as

But dogs are still by far the most popular pets: Laiks, the most popular pets: Laika, the space dog sent up in a sputnik 20 years ago, is still revered. Laika is a common name for dogs. Others include Belka and Strekla, Chappa and Barboss. There was some puzzlement last year at the local ver's over the name the British Embassy doctor gave his cat. He called it after the first word that every

his cat. He called it after the first word that every foreigner immediately learns: PECTOPAH.

In fact the word, which you see written up everywhere, is the Cyrillic form of restoran, meaning a restaurant. When the cat was taken for her inoculations, the vet asked her name. "Restoran," was the reply. With a furrowed brow the vet, astonished at brow the vet, assonished at English eccentricity, carefully wrote down PECTOPAH.

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SUBJECT TO LAW

In 1980 the number of industrial disputes was lower than in any year since the war. It would be idle to pretend that the legislative reforms embodied in the Employment Act 1980 can have had more than the most marginal influence on this sudden improvement on the exceptionally bad record of 1979. Even the advent of a Government less responsive to industrial pressure than its predecessor cannot explain the change by itself. The main cause has been the recession and a growing reluctance to risk one's job for a speculative bargaining gain. It is not a means of achieving industrial peace that any policy maker would recommend, though it may serve as a reminder that industrial peace is determined by other factors at least as much as by the framework of industrial law.

Into this hush, unhappy and undoubtedly temporary, comes Mr Prior's green paper on re-forming the framework of the law. It is the longest paper of its tint ever produced, and very possibly the greenest too. It genuinely is a summary of a debate, rather than a statement of policy with marginal concessions to the ritual of consultation. Every proposition is balanced by its alternative, the objections to every course of action are scrupulously defined. The effect is one of immobility, inscrutability. It will take a longdebate before the lineaments of a Bill or a white paper begin to emerge from the document published yesterday.

To more Tories than a year ago, that may not be unwelcome. The Government has problems enough on its hands for the moment. Mr Prior's search for a consensus on fundamentals is not unwise. But the time for such a leisurely investigation was 1979 or even earlier. Instead Mr Prior brought in an Act that concentrated attention on marginal, factors and left the fundamentals untouched. And since the issues are indeed complex and full of dangers, it

Catholic, as indeed are the majo-

source of moral support.

Students' benefits

From Mr Derek D'Hooghe

Sir, Roger Frost's letter (December 10) touches on only one aspect of the Department of Health and Social

Security's hostile antitude to stud-

ents. In the course of one case, last-

ing over two years, I have discovered

an appalling number of examples of

what can only be deliberate attempts

to prevent claimants from discover-

ing their rights, or gross incompetence. Under the supplementary

benefit regulations unemployed

people attending college for less

than 21 hours a week, and avail-

able for work if a job arises, are

entitled to benefit.
The local DHSS office refused

supplementary benefit to a part-time

student on the grounds that he was attending a school". It has

taken over two years, three tribunal

learings, preparation for a High Court hearing, and significant ex-penditure of public money in legal

costs for the DHSS to admit they

were wrong, and yet the case is still not settled. During this period

the student sought to claim supple-

mentary benefit, and was informed by the clerk that he was not eligible

to apply. When I pointed out to the clerk that every citizen had a right to apply for benefit, even though

the DHSS might subsequently re-fuse to grant it, I was greeted with the same response. Only after a half-

hour argument, reaching the super-

visor's supervisor, was an applica-tion form reluctantly handed over.

Similarly, the appeal tribunal take care to inform appellants of their

right to appeal to the High Court

is impossible to come up with could show that it had made legislative proposals overnight.

The basic propositions to work on are relatively straightforward, however. In times of prosperity—and it is with those in mind and not the current abnormal situation that any measures must be designed—our industrial productivity falters by comparison with that of our competitors. Whatever role faults of management have in this, it is clear that trade union conservatism and protectionism must bear a large part of the blame. A degree of mutual suspicion between management and employee is inherent in the relationship. But too often the conflicts that arise do not reflect the feelings of the workers concerned, but those of a minority, or of others not directly involved at all.

The right to withdraw labour is a basic freedom (though it is one the law does not explicitly safeguard). The immunities that apply to trade disputes are broadly essential to the exercise of that right. But the harm that a strike can do to an industry and to the community is so great that the immunities ought to be made conditional on two things: that workers directly affected by the action should have explicitly approved it, and that procedures which allow full scope for negotiation and conciliation should have been exhausted before action is taken. Mechanisms for ensuring that these conditions have satisfied need statutory definition, which may not be easy. Plainly a show of hands at an illattended factory gate meeting is no proper basis for a major strike. Workers directly affected might appropriately include others as well as those actually called out, though the relationship would have to be fairly

close It should be irrelevant to these procedures whether a strike is official or unofficial. Where satisfactory procedures were not observed, civil actions could be brought against the union as well as individuals (unless the union that great power demands.

reasonable efforts to control its members). Thus each union would have a strong motive to bring its internal disciplines to bear upon irresponsible members. The tendency for power in the unions to pass downwards towards shopfloor leaders (already noted by the Donovan report in 1968, and greatly advanced since then) has gone so far that small groups of workers in strategic positions can often apply pressure regardless of the wishes of their colleagues, let alone their employers.

Where the conditions for attracting immunity did not apply it would be open to employers, and to others with a substantial interest (another matter needing careful definition), to bring an action for damages against the offender. Already employers often prefer not to use such powers where they exist, because their first interest is in putting the dispute behind them, not recovering damages. But the existence of legal powers even only in reserve has a great influence on the course of industrial negotiations, for unions are basically lawabiding organizations.

Many trade unionists would oppose on instinct any attempt to modify the ballowed immunities conferred at the beginning of the century, just as they pro-tested against the minor reforms made by the 1980 Act. The latter have not yet really been tested in practice, but the signs are that they carry with them that consensus support (even from many inside the movement) which Mr Prior rightly sought. Puture legislation must be governed also to some extent by what is found to attract enough sympathy (or at least acquiescence) to have a prospect of a durable life on the statute book. The proposals made here are not put forward as an attack on the power of the unions as such but an attempt to ensure that it is exercised with the restraint

THE POLES AND THEIR POPE

It is a fitting coincidence that Paul has been careful not to intervene directly in the turbuthe commander in chief of the lent events of recent months. He Warsaw Pact, Marshal Viktor Kulikov, should be visiting Warhas supported the Polish workers saw just as Mr Lech Walesa is and their intellectual allies in a in Rome. "How many divisions general way, but has distanced has the Pope?" Stalin is said, himself from the detail of their to have once asked rhetorically. conflict with the Communist authorities. The Pope yesterday spoke of the Poles' maturity, and said he supported the right of If Marshal Kulikov were to ask the same question during his talks in Poland, he might well receive the answer. "a good working men and women to "associate freely", adding that he had been saying as much to many more than the Warsaw Pact can count on ".

"all people of good will, as discreetly as possible". For the Poles, Pope John Paul is a symbol of Polish pride and It has been left to the Catholic Catholic piety, and his election had an electrifying effect on the national mood. The strikes of last summer, and the emergence of Church in Poland itself to decide how to react in practice to the "quiet revolution". The Polish bishops have exerted a the independent trade unions. moderating influence on the free had fundamentally economic trade unionists, some of whom causes; and would no doubt have would like to take a more radical taken place, anyway. But the line. The Church has argued, rightly, that to go too far would very existence of a Polish Popereinforced by his triumphant be to risk the remarkable gains tour of Poland in June, 1979already made, including greater has infused the national resurreligious freedom and the right gence in Poland with a confito broadcast Mass. The appeals dence and an emotional durabiwhich the Primate, Cardinal Wyszynski, made for prudence lity it might not otherwise have and responsibility " at the height Mr Walesa himself is conspiof the August strikes probably cuously a Catholic; the vast majority of his followers are contributed as much as anything to the maintenance of a calm

atmosphere in which an agreerity of Poles. Since Mr Walesa ment with the Government could is in Rome to meet the trade be negotiated. unions as well as go to the On the other hand some Poles Vatican, some Italian labour -and in particular, the intel-lectuals advising the free trade leaders were not surprisingly upset when he said that he would unions-feel that the Church has not have come to Italy if it were taken prudence and responsinot for the Pope. But he was bility to an extreme, and runs merely expressing, in characterthe risk of inadvertently helping istically direct fashion, what all the authorities to stifle the union movement. In October Cardinal Poles feel in their hearts: that the Pope is their lifeline to the Wyszynski met the Communist Party leader, Mr Stanislaw Kania, and agreed to "construcoutside world, and their greatest At the same time, Pope John tive cooperation with the state".

Then last month the Polish Episcopate went farther and called for "firm opposition" to "irresponsible statements or actions" which might "expose

the country to grave danger. What the bishops had in mind, clearly, was the possibility of a Soviet invasion. Both dissidents | From Dr H. Montgomery Hyde and workers would agree that nothing should be done which might provoke the Russians or create circumstances in which Moscow would have an excuse for intervening. But they evidently feel that the Church has veered perilously close to offering aid and comfort to the Government at a time when the future of free trade unionism is far from assured, and when a number of dissidents have been harassed or imprisoned.

At the same time the Church in Poland has a long history of complex struggle with the Communist' authorities, and has learned the hard way how to maintain its independence. Few people can be more aware of this, indeed, than the Pope himself. As Cardinal Wojtyla of Cracow, Pope John Paul proved himself a master of guerrilla tactics against the local party bosses.

He also understands, and has made clear on this occasion, that the course of events in Poland depends not only on cooperation between the Church, the workers and the intellectuals, but also on the achievement of a working relationship between the forces of opposition and the Government. The presence of a high Government official in Mr Walesa's delegation suggests that, despite its dislike of alternative centres of power in Poland, the Polish Government understands this too.

on a point of law, but neglect to inform appellants of their free right to have an adverse decision set aside by an appeal to the regional

office. The inconsistency of the DHSS is shown by a letter, signed by the manager, granting benefit to a student studying for 20 hours per week. The following day, another student studying only five hours per week was refused benefit, and I was informed that the manager's letter was out of date. Rapid decision mak-

ing indeed! The DHSS certainly appear to be doing everything in their power to ensure that young people do not receive their rights. The DHSS seem to prefer young people sitting at home, doing nothing or vandalizing the city to those trying to increase their employability by part-time study during a disastrous economic period.

Yours faithfully. DEREK D'HOOGHE, Sidney Stringer School and Community College, Hillfields, Coventry.
January 5.

The first Nowel

From Projessor Norman Davis, FBA Sir, In his article on Hereford Cathedral library (December 22, 1980) Mr Wapshott claims that the earliest Christmas greetings "which can be found written in English" appear at the end of a business letter from Charles Booth between

1516 and 1535. But a generation or so earlier Thomas Betson wrote "To my right synguler good lady, Dame Elyzabeth Stonor" a letter concluding: "Madame, I beseche the blissid trengte to send you a Mery Cristymas to your hartes ease, and ever to preserve and kepe you in longe heith and verts. At London

the xxii day Discembre." The letter is no 185 in the Cam-den Society edition of the Stonor Letters by C. L. Kingsford (1919), who dates it convincingly 1477. Its special interest is that the now so conventional phrase "Merry Christmas" occurs here long before the earliest quotation in the Oxford Dictionary, which is of 1617. There may well, of course, be other cases still unnoniced.

Your obedient servant, NORMAN DAVIS, Merton College, Oxford December 22.

Grace note From Mr Lewis Massey Sir, Mr Lovett (letter January 12) need have no worries. The official Italian name for Munich is Monaco di Baviera (ie Bavarian), even though it is often abbreviated to Monaco. Yours faithfully, LEWIS MASSEY, 20 Orchard Rise,

Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells,

Kent.

January 12.

Humane rationale of civil defence

From Dr Sue Dowling Sir, Mr Harding and Mr Strich-combe (January 6) say that the rationale of home defence is humane. As a doctor I find it hard to know what "humane" might mean after an attack by nuclear missiles, each containing an explosive yield between 80 and 400 times that of the Hiroshima bomb. Moreover, doubt if the health services' plans for nuclear war, based on the Department of Health and Social Security's Home Defence Circular (HDC(77)1) could be described as

In the past, when diseases such as

smallpox, typhoid and plague threatened to wipe out large numbers of the community, doctors were expected to put their patients' well-being first, risking their own death through infection. Now, when faced with a potential "epidemic" which would cause more suffering and would cause more suffering and death than anything previously known, health authorities have been instructed that all medical care will be withheld deliberately in the immediate posmuclear attack period, "Medical staff, who would be irreplaceable except in the long term, should not be wasted by allowing them to enter highly radioanowing them to enter nightly rather active areas to assist casualties." (HDC(77)1). This no-care period, when suffering and death would be greatest, could last for several weeks, depending on the type and severity of the nuclear attack, weather conditions.

weather conditions, etc.
Once radiation has reached
"safe" levels, health professionals
may resume their work—but only with those who require limited surgery and have a good chance of eventual recovery. The dying those likely to die and anyone suffering radiation sickcess will be kept away from the remaining hospital services. Neither the Hippocratic Oath nor the various international codes of medical ethics give an easy answer to the way in which doctors should behave in such situations. However, in the light of the war plans of the DHSS the ethics of the profession seem curiously obsolete, as though reflecting the human innocence of bygone age.

How can we withhold our services when they are most needed? Why are we so silently accepting the judgment of the DHSS that it is better to prolong the life of a few than relleve the unimaginable suf-fering of those likely to die? The sovice of the General Medical Council and the British Medical Association on these ethical issues is urgently needed but has so far not been fortbcoming.

SUE DOWLING. Lecturer in Community Health, University of Bristol, Department of Community Health; Canynge Hall, Whiteladies Road, Bristol Avon. January 10.

Card of destiny

Sir, In his remarks on libel (January 13) Mr Bernard Levin states that he has always wondered why the Marquess of Queensberry used the words "posing as" in the inscription on his visiting card which he left at Oscar Wilde's club. The words were inserted deliber-ately on legal advice, the advice having been given by Queensberry's solicitor, Sir George Lewis, whom he had consulted and who was later. he had consulted and who was later to instruct the leading defence counsel, Mr (as he then was) Edward Carson in the prosecution for criminal libel which Wilde launched against Queensberry.

At this date Odeensberry planned to base his defence on Wilde's writings, particularly The Picture of Dorian Gray which, he submitted through his counsel showed home.

through his counsel, showed homo-sexual tendencies, thus justifying the words in the phrase quoted. But shortly before the case came on at the Old Bailey evidence supporting the direct accusation reached Queensberry's hands and his written plea of justification was amended

oscar Wilde's son, the late Mr Vyvyan Holland, told me that he had understood from Robert Ross, his father's literary executor, that Queensberry's card had been destroyed. He was surprised to learn from me that the card, which was an exhibit in the case, had been preserved in the Public Record

Yours faithfully, H. MONTGOMERY HYDE. Westwell House, Tenterden, Kent. January 13.

Stockport, South (Labour)

Coverage of Sutcliffe case From Mr Tom McNally, MP for

Sir, Mr Walter Greenwood (January 13) finds it difficult to follow the logic of my objecting to the publica-tion of the name of an individual prior to his appearance in court. Well, if the Chairman of the Law Examinations Board for the National Council for the Training of Journalists cannot follow the logic, my concern increases.

There is a world of difference

between an individual being named after a formal court appearance and his name appearing in the media many hours before any such appearance and being part of and contri-buting to the build-up of emotions towards a case. The pressure to meet that evening's deadline must not override the rights of the in-dividual, something I hope Mr Greenwood is emphasizing whilst training his journalists. Yours sincerely, TOM McNALLY, House of Commons.

Catchphrase

January 14.

From Miss Brigid Brophy Sir, I am fascinated to learn (January 8) that, if Mr Millett puts hook through my lip, drugs me out of my element but manages to return me before I am quite dead, he will claim to have made peaceable gesture ... Yours truly, BRIGID BROPHY,

185 Old Brompton Road SW5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economic realities of deterrence From Air Vice-Marshal J. C. T.

Sir, The long fusilhade of recent letters to The Times about defence has become scattered across diverse targets ranging from strategy to military bands and there remains but one common concern: the growing impoverishment of our defences. We are finding it harder and harder to reconcile the accelerating cost of defence with the rising living standards we have come to expect. This happens to be particularly noticeable in Britain at the moment because our economy is flagging so badly, but in principle the problem is the same every-

where. Its cause is defence hyper-inflation, the product of a protracted cold war coexisting with manifold technologies. Every year each defence pound, dollar or rouble buys fewer front-line replacements. For twenty years British defence spending has been held roughly constant in ordinary real money terms and in that time our forces

have been almost halved.

Over the same period Soviet forces have actually increased but only at enormous cost in the denial of economic, social and political progress. It is no comfort that the weaker Eastern block economies feel the pinch even more than those of the West as a whole. A militarily strong enemy is dangerous enough; if he risks bankruptcy in the process he may become unstable as well wirness Poland.

Of course, neither a long confrontation nor the military use of technology is anything new, but there now exist two crucial new factors in the equation: the great fertility of late twentieth-century technology and the fact that in the nuclear age virtually the entire order of battle for war has to be maintained and constantly updated in peace. Together these circum-stances create a new strand in military history which profoundly alters the economies of defence.

Before the atom bomb, nations at peace could rely on a nucleus of armed force supported by a research and development effort which could be run at tick-over; both could be massively expanded by mobilization if a need was foreseen. Today the military technological compention between the opposing power blocks, even although they are nominally at peace, is at levels formerly achieved only in war. The modern arms race is a race in which the pace must for ever accelerant so long as neither side dares fall behind.

This is a fundamental problem which cannot be altered much by fewer brass bands or even by measurategies. Defence inflation is now pinching so acutely that in Britain even our long standing bipartisan political approach to defence is crumbling. At the next general elec-tion we seem likely to face a choice between continued but weakening deterrence or a return to relative defencelessness and appearement reminiscent of the middle 1930s, If to, public common sense will prob-ably choose the former, but given time that choice will become smore uncertain as any expectin level of deterrence becomes more

and more costly. When will someone of political stature come forward who backs deterrence whilst that is feasible but who also genuinely seeks its sud-cessor? To prolong the his of deterrence means promoting greater

where the Alliance wastes at least a third of its nominal, strength ou

political unity in Western Europe

internal competition and lack of military standardization. But neither to left nor right does one see, at best, more than a knkrwarm and tude to European constitutional development. And where does one see any real belief at all in the development of

new international security arrangements? The United Nations has be-come a sick joke in comparison with the seemingly hard-headed realism of deterrence. And yet historically nuclear deterrence is news: and more experimental than the UN and its predecessor. As deterrence declines under

economic pressure, or creates economic and social narest in its wake, and as ninclear preliferation advances, we shell be lucky indeed if the inevitable nuclear war is sufficiently localized to enforce new fundamental thinking before ir is too late. Yours etc.

JOHN DOWNEY, Wirdmill Flouse, Bosham,

From Projessor Lord Kalder, FRA Sir, Admired of the Fleet Lord Hull-Norton (January 9) regards the maintenance of the Royal Navy at its present size as vital to Western defence. But he fails to consider whether in 10 years' time it will be possible to sustain a Navy of its present size in the absence of an industrial base.

If present trends and policies are

If present trends and policies are allowed to continue, membership of the EEC, a grossly overvalued exchange rate, highly deflationary fiscal and monetary policies, our industrial capacity of the so-called "traditional" industries, such as steel, engineering and shipbuilding will have largely disappeared, and we would be dependent on imports from abroad for naval procurement. In peace time the new submarines, desureyers, cruisers, etc. required by destroyers, cruisers, etc., required by the Navy could no doubt be obtained rom German, American or Japanese

shippards.
But this is not a satisfactory substitute for an industrial home base, since in numers of defence production every country gives absolute priority to its own needs, and only the residue is made available to others. Moreover for the greatly enhanced requirements in time of war there is no effective substitute for an adequate domestic productive CHARLEY.

This was the main lesson of the First World War, which led, in 1920, to the imposition of high protective dusies in a number of specific in-dostries which were considered important for defence capability; and this was followed in 1932 by

the introduction of a protective tariff on all manufacturers. These measures enabled British indestrial capacity to be sustained (absolutely, if my relatively) in the half-century 1920-1970. Since the early 1970s, however, a process of demonstrialization had begun which

has soquired a strongly accelerated momentum in the last few years. It is no convidence that the period of Reitain's greatest preponderance as a naval power was in the middle of the nineteenth century when Britain's share of world indus-rial graduation was the highest. Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS KALDOR, King's College, Cambridge.

Way ahead in Ireland -

From Professor Cornelius O'Leary Sir, On December 29 The Times carried an article by David Morrison, "Why devolution cannot work in Ulster", which argaed that a majority of both communities here is satisfied with direct rule from Westminster, On January 6 (inters), Mr W. S. Moore went further, arguing that the "vast majority of the people of Northern freland are content to see direct rule from Westminster continue, not as an expediency but as a permanent

Since these statements, if auchallenged, may mislead your readers, I should like to point out that while the only positive evidence adduced in support of his case by Mr Morrison came from a survey organized by Mr R. P. Mozon-Browne of this department in 1978 (piz that 95.2 per tent of the respondents agreed with the politically neutral proposi-tion that laws in Northern Ireland should, as far as possible, he the same as in the rest of the United Kingdom), Mr Merrison chese to ignore the finding of the Muzon Browne survey most relevant to the subject of his article. To the question which the nume-rous political solutions proposed in recent years would be "the most workable and acceptable", the largest segment of the sample opted for a devolved government with power-sharing for the Catholic minority—36.5 per cent of the total [393 per cent of the Catholics and 35 per cent of the Protestants)— the very selution to which Mr Morrisen and Mr Moore are most op-posed! Their ideal solution London's secured the support of only 13.7 per cent of the respondents.

Spondents.
Other relevant evidence contrary to the integrationist thesis is the fact that of the 150 or so Catholic councillors on the 26 district countils, not one (as far as I am aware) these a temporary expedient; and also the fact that in the Westminster election of May, 1979, just one condidate stood as a "Labour In-tegrationist" in the large consi-tuency of South Belfast, and secured a mere 1.5 per cent of the vote. Yours, etc.

CORNELIUS O'LEARY. Department of Political Science, The Queen's University of Belfast,

University standards From Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP

for Cambridge (Conservative) Sir, I was considerably startled to read wour headline. "Embarrassread your headline, "Embarrassingly poor standards at some of the new universities", over account (January 9) by your admir-able Education Correspondent of my speech in Coventry on January S. Nor did I say, as reported, that "Some of Britain's maiversities are of such poor standard as to be an 'acute embarrassment' to the nation "

What I did say-and your Carrespendent had a full text of my speech was that "we have a large and expensive national university and standards", and, at the end of a long passage which mentioned some of the disparities and difficulties in higher education as a whole, said: "We have institutions of higher learning that are the early of other nations, and some that are, at least in some sectors, an acute embarrassment."

It is quite true that I said that "There is no question that the actual performance of certain of the new universities has been remark ably, and worryingly, uneven", but I also stressed that while the I also stressed that while emphoria and expectations of the early 1964s about expanded higher education had been wildly exag-gerated, "we must be careful also not to exaggerate the sense of distilusionment and disappointment about the results that is frequently

To portray what was a long and personal analysis of the difficulties and challenges facing all sectors of

higher and further education as a specific attack on the new universi-ties is a most uncharacteristic

distortion, and which would surprise

my large Coventry audience of students drawn primarily from

students drawn primarily from those universities as much as it did Finally, as the text of the speech also makes clear. I am not the Government's liaison officer for before and further education, but My party's. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT RHODES JAMES, House of Commons.

Demolished almshouses From Mr S. R. Gayton

Sir, I read with horrified dismay of

the destruction of Denton's alms-bouses (report, January 14). This is a gross outrage. Denton is a most beautiful village and the almsbouses one of its showpieres. Nikolaus Persner could devote only 105 photographs to the huge county of Lincolnshire, but one was of these almshouses. This is a

tribute to their importance in archi-tectural history. No doubt, the excuse will be the need to balance the books, as though nothing else matters. Denton is part of the Prime Minister's stamping-ground not to

say the Duke of Rutland's. One wonders what they think of this latest vandalism. Yours faithfully, S. R. GAYTON, 81 Glentrammon Road. Orpington, Kent.

Role in the Church of Opus Dei

From the Reverend Father H. S., Thweires, SJ Sir, Your Profile of Opus Dei (January 12) stenck me as being pleasantly reminiscent of same of the stateenth and seventeembcentury charges levelled against the Jesuits: secretive; politically inclined; gliding in disguise down

inclined; gliding in disgaise down the corridors of power; attracting the young, only to brain-wash them; and, to cap it all, so distressingly faroused by the Pope.

With hindsight we can see that those critics did not discern the signs of the times. They did not recognize that the Church Militant needed a new sort of militia. And it could be the same today. It would seem that many of our young seem that many of our young people, reared in a permissive society, feel the need of the direc-tion and discipline that Onus Dei apparently offers them. And of course we must remember that for

course we must remember that for every disaffected individual who leaves Opus Dei there must be at least a thousand who enjoy it and see no reason for leaving.

If I may add a personal note, I must admit that I have been favourably impressed by what I have seen of Opus Dei products. Since 1958 I have been chaplain to overseas students here in south to overseas students here in south London, and have met a number of young men who, in East Africa or here in England, received their spiritcal formation from Opus Dei establishments. One and all have establishments. One and all have edified me by the quality of their faith and by the way they put their faith imp practice. So far as I know there is not a lapsed or really indifferent County in them. ferent Carnolic among them. And I judge a tree by its fruits.
Yours faithfully,

HUGH THWAITES, SJ. Catholic International Chaplainty. San Marino. 28 Upper Tooting Park, SW17.

January 13. From Dr Anthony D. Clift Sir, I read with some amazement vour "Profile of Opus Dei", as it hardly accorded with my own experience as a member for several years. I suppose its main defect was that it sought to represent the organization as rigid, conformist and overbearing without even touch-ing on the freedom of action which

is so close to the heart of its members. This freedom exists on joining and of course in being able to leave at any time, as well as in the spiritual observances recommended, which can of course be carried our by any Catholic whether a member When I read of its appeal to the lonely, emotionally immature and those with an unfulfilled sense of mission. T really had to reach for my spectacles just to make sure! As a busy GP with a fair research

and teaching programme, as well as being a family man with 12 children I really felt I didn't quite fit the picture | (my immediate mission this afternoon was to hold my own in a snowball fight!)
The beautiful concept of making one's work acceptable to God is not unique to Opus Dei but is some-thing that its members make an attempt, however inadequate, to achieve. I feel many of your readers would empathise with us.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY D. CLIFT. Broomfield, Manchester Old Road, Middleton, Manchester. January 13.

Hopes for diabetics From Dr Arnold Bloom

Sir, My attention has been drawn by parents of diabetic children to your report (October 23, 1980) on the portable insulin pump being tried for the treatment of diabetes. The report quoted some frightening statistics concerning the expectation of survival and health for children

developing diabetes.
Unfortunately, it is true that when control of the diabetes is poor and the sugar in the blood is all the time considerably in excess of normal, dangers to the future health accrue. But in recent years, thanks to intensive research, we have a better understanding of how to avoid these dangers. There are many diabetics in good health today who have been injecting insulin for over 50 years.

Of course, to achieve success in the long term demands of the diabetic self-discipline and knowledge. It is unressonable to expect young people to accept restrictions without understanding the reasons for them and this is where the British Diabetic Association plays such a helpful role.

Some 1,500 children in Great Britain develop diabetes every year. Never was the future more hopeful for them. I look forward in my lifetime to seeing diabetes in children controlled without the tyranny of the needle: and certainly when the complications we now see will become more and more a rarity. Yours faithfully,

ARNOLD BLOOM, Chairman, British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, W1. January 12.

Voice from the past From Lieutenant-Colonel O. R. Nicholas

Sir, I would like to add a footnote to the obituary (January 12) on RSM Brittain. I am not sure that his voice was the loudest in the British Army, but it was undoub-

tedly the most penetrating.

He was, indeed, fair. When one officer cadet dropped his rifle on parade, a mortal military sin, several warrant officers and NCOs converged at the double upon the miscreant, brandishing note books in which to "take his name". They were obliged to slink away when the RSM, lowering his voice to a muted bawl, announced: "Let him alone—he was trying ".

He was a great man, not only in

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, O. R. NICHOLAS, Roundway, Langman's Lane, St Johns, Woking, Surrey, January 13,

the vet attended down FET TOPAN down FET TOPAN Michael Bin" Sir Francis Chantrey's statue of Lady Theodosia Louisa Hervey, Countess of Liverpool, being

Reporting of drug effects criticized | Violin wood

appraised yesterday at the exhibition of the sculptor's work at the National Portrait Gallery.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
January 15: Princess Alexandra
was present this evening at a
Benefit Performance of Holiday
on Ice, given for the Olympic and
International Events Fund of the
National Skating Association of
Great Britain, at Wembley Arena.
The Lady Mary Coleman was
fm attendance.

A service of blessing and remembrance for the lives of Joe and flora Laycock will be held at helses Old Church on Monday, January 19, at 3 pm.

Birthdays today

Sir Alastair Blair, 73; Air Marshal Sir Robert Craven, 65; Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, 56; Professor A. M. Hunter, 75; Miss Elizabeth Monroe, 76; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, 65; Lord Thomson of Monifieth, 60; Pro-fessor H. W. R. Wade, QC, 63.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Stacey

A service of thanks jiving for the life of Air Chief Marshal Sir John Stacey will be held in the Royal Air Force Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, London, WC2, at noon, on Friday, February 20, 1981

Those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets, in writing and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Ministry of Defence, AFB Sec, Room 8245, Main building, Whitehall, London SWIA ZHB, by not later than February 6, 1981.

Guidance on dress will be issued with fickets.

Paylova celebration at Museum of London

The Museum of London is organiz The Museum of London is organizing a Pavlova week from January 27 to 31 to celebrate the fifteth anniversary of the death of the Russian ballerina. An exhibition of photographs and costumes from the museum's Pavlova collection will open on January 27 (the museum will be closed on the previous day) and will run until March 22. Admission is free.

There will also be a series of lunchtime lectures, with Dame Alicia Markova talking about memories of Pavlova and Dame Ninette de Valois on Pavlova's legacy to British ballet.

Memorial service

Mr J. Matson
A memorial service for Mr Jack
Matson was held yesterday at St
Bride's, Fleet Street. Probendary
Dewi Morgan officiated and the
Rev George Nakra-Briggs led the
prayers. Mr Michael Matson
Ison) read the lesson and Mr
Kenneth Robinson, Master of the Kenneth Robinson, Master of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company, gave an address.

Shipwrights' Company The Shipwrights' Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Frime Warden, Mr D. F. Martin-Jenklas; Renter Warden, Sir Anthony Grover; Second Warden, Sir Charles Alexander; Third Warden, Mr D. S. Clarabut; Fourth Warden, Mr J. E. Neary.

Today's engagements Livery Hall open to the public:

Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, guided tours 12, 1, 3. West London Antiques Fair, Kensington New Town Hall, Hornton ton Street, 11-8.

Lectures: Sir Peter Lelv in the age of Charles II, by Monica Seymour, Tate Gallery, I. Geothermal energy and the prospects for Britain. by R. A. Downing, Geological Museum, 6.30. Roman mosaics, by Anne Pearson, 11.30; How Greek sculpture was made, by Susan Woodford, 1.15, British Museum, German and Austrian rococo, by German and Austrian rococo, by

Exhibitions: Bicentenary show of the work of Sir Francis Chantrey. (1781-1841), National Portrait Gallery, 10-5. The new spirit in painting, Royal Academy of Aris, Piccadilly, 10-6. Being disabled, the Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley, 10-5-30. Church Street, Barusley, 10-5.30. Vivat Osterreich i Austro-Hungarian graphics of the Great War. Imperial Wor Museum. Lambeth Road, 10-5.50. Glacometti: sculptures, paintings and drawings, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, 10-5.

Gallery, Manchester University, 10-5.

Lunchtime music: Organ recital by Mark Dancer, St Paul's Cathedral, 12-36. Recital by singers' ensemble class directed by Margaret Leusky, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, 1-10.

Eve King, National Gallery, 1. CONTRACTS & TENDERS.

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Work - Democracy - Peace MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AGENCY

BRAZZAVILLE AIRPORT

PRESELECTION NOTICE

A preselection is being launched by the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) of the People's Republic of the Congo for work entailing remiorcement of the air strips and other work for large carries at the MAYA-MAYA airport of Brazzaville. Participation in the competition is open in identical conditions to all individuals and logal entities, nationals of all countries except Israel and South Africa.

The works shall be tinanced by international credits. They shall be executed with traffic running and shall include:

- reworking and stabilization of broken or cracked slabs - general reloading of the runway over 3 300 metres

- a bituminous concrete taxiway over the entire length of the runwav teinforcement of the cross-overs

construction of anti-slipstream strips

enlargement of the wing-over elements
 extension of the parking area.

The main works entailed are :
- denicipion of about 1,000 hydraulic concrete slabs

 gravet-cement for replacing the slabs demolished
 thick coated materials : 27 500 tons bituminous 'concrete 0/14 : 32 000 tons.

Applications must be sent by registered mail to the General Manager of the National Civil Aviation Agency BP, 128, BRAZZA-VILLE or be submitted to the offices thereof prior to January 31st 1991 at 12 noon. For this the applicants must take account of the necessary delays entailed with sending their applications

All applications must include references for work of the sametype and financial guarantees of the contractors. Further information is obtainable from the Air Base Management at BRAZ-AVILLE or from the General Management of ASECNA at DAKAR.

Brazzaville, November 28th 1980 GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AGENCY A. BOUTTI

PUBLIC NOTICES

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MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

LOCAL AUTHORITY BILLS Issued 14th January, due 13th April 1961—
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CLOUCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL issued 7 January 1981 20 225m Bills due 8 April 21 15.1/52%. Applications £15.55m. Total our-standing £0,225m.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Ashton and Miss A. N. Roberts and Miss A. N. Roberts
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Professor and Mrs J. Ashton, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Anne Nicola, younger daughter of the late Mr A. C. Roberts and of Mrs G. M. Roberts, of St. Anne's Park, Bristol.

Mr I. M. Beck and Miss K. S. Wijesooriya The engagement is atmounced between lan Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Beck, of Mansfield, Notthinghamshire, and Kauthi Srivalatha, third daughter of Mrs S. Wijesooriya and the late Mr B. Wijesooriya, of Kandy, Sti Lanka

Mr A. C. N. Brodie and Miss G. S. Jones and Miss G. S. Jones

The engagement is aunounced between Christian, son of Mr C. A. Brodie, QC, and Mrs Brodie, of Coldharbour, Surrey, and Geraldine, daughter of Mr K. A. Jones, of Kings Norton, and Mrs G. E. M. Jones, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

and Miss N, Moore
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr, and Mrs A. H. Dunn, of Berrington Court, Tenbury Wells, Worcessershire, and Nikid, daughter of Mr W. T. Moore, of Carden Cliffe, Malpas, Cheshire, and Mrs G. F. Hill, of Red House, Kingsland, Herefordshire.

Mr E. Foster and Miss H. J. Hill The engagement is announced, between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Foster, Newton House, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and Julia. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Hill, Brockton Park, Shifnal,

Mr J. Hale and Miss S. A. Hemery

and MISS 5. A. Hemery
The engagement is announced
between James, second son of Mr
and Mrs B. H. Hale, of Richmond
House, Sutton Coldfield, and
Susan Anne, eldest daughter of
Mr and Mrs M. C. E. Hemery, of
Henmead Hall, Cuckfield, West

Dr R. S. Jones and Dr B. J. Stordy

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mrs L. M. Jones and the late Mr W. I. R. Jones, of Rhyl, Clwyd, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mrs I. C. Stordy and the late Mr J. J. Stordy, of Wadhurst, Sussex.

Mr J. W. Kennon and Miss A. J. Mills

The engagement is announced between John Warton, younger son of Dr and Mrs R. W. Kennon, of Mobberley, Cheshire, and Ann Judith, second daughter of Mr T. R. Mills, of Wilmslow, and Mrs J. Mills, of Knutsford, Cheshire.

Mr J. F. Prescott and Miss C. V. Milne

The engagement is aunounced between Fergus, third son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Prescott, of Walk Farm, Tunstall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Caro Vere, only daughter of Mrs John Hadfield, of Woodbridge, and Mr Hugh Burden.

Mr W. Pull and Miss A. R. D. Cairus-Terry The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr S. H. Pull. OBE, and Mrs Pull, of Brook Farm, Pullam St Mary, Norfolk, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Cairos-Terry, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

Mr R. W. Le B. Rickman

and Mrs A. M. Turnbull
The engagement is announced
between Richard Rickman, of
Sunnlogdale, Berkstire, and Anne
Turnbull, of Empshott Green,

Dinners

The media were criticized yester-day by Dr William Imman, direc-tor of the newly established Drugs Surveillance Research Unit at Southampton University, for their

reporting of the adverse side-frects of drugs.

effects of drugs.

He said "premature" reporting could cause public alarm, could damage patients, even leading to unnecessary deaths, and could make further studies to establish the safety of important drugs almost impossible to complete.

"The public has a right to know about the risks and benefits of the drugs it consumes", Dr Inman, until recently principal medical officer to the Committee on Safety of Medicines, said. "It also aspect that this

has a right to expect that this information is correct.

"Unformation is correct.
"Unformation, as we have seen several times in recent years, publicity given to anecdotal case reports or unconfirmed hypothe-Dr Inman was speaking at a press visit to the new unit at

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday members of the Court of Common Council, the chairman of the GLC, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Mayors of the Greater London Boroughs, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, High Officers of the Corporation of London and ward clerks of the City of London. The Lord Mayor, the chairman of the GLC, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief Commoner were the Speakers. Shipwrights' Company Company of Chartered Accountants

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Mr John Holland, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, presided at a court dinner held yesterday at Plaisterers' Hall. He was assisted by Mr A. W. John, Semor Warden, and Mr P. H. Dobson, Junior Warden, Mr E. L. Richards, the Seulor Warden and Mr K. A. Wells also spoke. Among those present were:

ses published in medical journals, and occasionally to legal judg-ments based on inadequate data, has sometimes damaged the repu-tation of valuable medicines and harmed patients."

Some patients on the heart drug, Eraldin, now largely withdrawn.

Eraldin, now largely withdrawn, had stopped taking it when the risks were published and had died from sudden withdrawal.

Publicity suggesting that Debendox, used to treat morning sickness tu pregnancy, caused birth malformations had reduced its use so much that future studies on its

safety were almost impossible. However, the evidence that had been gathered suggested there was no risk, or possibly a protective

No effective drug could ever be completely safe, he said, but most were in practice remarkably free from serious side-effects.

Shipwrights' Company
Dr Deuis Rebbeck, Prime Warden
of the Shipwrights' Company,
assisted by Viscount Runciman of
Doxford, the Earl of Inchcape,
Mr R. Hill, Mr H. H. de C. Moore,
Mr ·F. A. J. B. Everard and the
Wardens, presided at a dinner held
wasterday at Ironmonaers' Hall Wardens, presided at a dinner held yesterday at Ironmonzers' Hall.
Mr A. Greenwell also spoke.
Others present included:
Admiral of the Floet Lord Rill-Norton.
Lord Iswerforth, Sir-Frank Cooper, SirJohn Lang, Admiral Sir Anthony
Griffin, Admiral of the Fleel SirEdward Ashmore, the Masters of the
Plaisterms' Buichers' and Chartered
Burveyars' Componies. Mr B. P. Shaw
and Mr T. J. Parker,

Law Society Lord Scarman was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Law Society's Commerce and Industry Group held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Mr W. T. Digby Seymour, chairman of the group, presided, Other guests included: Ground ; Mr J. D. Clarko, prasident of the Law Society, Mr D. A. Marshell, vicr-freedingst, and thort indices and Mr D. J. Boyd, chairman of the Bar Association Commores, Finance and industry Group, and Mrs Boyd.

doctor would not have suspected but which spear when large num-bers of cases are studied. Luncheons

BM Government Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a Inncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens given in honour of the President of the Grand National Assembly oi Romania, Mr Nicolae Glosar.

Southampton, which has £750,000

Southempton, which has £750,000 of support from the drug industry and the Department of Health. It is to run a pilot study of a new method of monitoring side-effects from drugs which may detect such effects earlier.

The system, described in The Times last month, involves collecting prescriptions for the drugs under study from the Prescription Pricing Authority, getting in much

under study from the Prescription Pricing Authority, getting in touch with the family doctor and asking him to report all "events" that affect the patient, new conditions, referral to bospital or accidents.

If any event occurs more often than expected, it can be investigated to see if it may be attributable to a side-effect from the drug. Under the system the doctor does not have to suspect that the drug is responsible. Analysis of the records of up to 10,000 patients may disclose side-effects that the doctor would not have suspected

British-Soviet Chamber of

Mr John Mayhew-Sanders, Chairman and Chief Executive of John Brown and Company Ltd., was the guest speaker at the members' luncheon of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Sir John Buckley presided. Those present included:



Andersson a popular chess winner

Hastings

His success was popular and well deserved. He was the only

Ulf Audersson, aged 29, the Swedish grandmaster, made sure of the £1,000 first prize at Hastings yesterday with a quick draw in 13 moves with the black pieces against Lein in the last round of the ICL Grandmaster Tournament.

player to go through the tourna-

ment undefeated and never looked like losing a game. With Lein having reached 91

points. Torre had to beat Peters to win second prize, and that he did in elegant style, finishing off the game with a brilliant queen sacrifice. Of the other two decisive games in that round. Speel-man returned to something like his true form by winning in good style against Littlewood, and style won a nicely played ending against Brito. against Brito.



£200,000 appeal for therapy unit launched

An appeal for £200,000 was hunched in London yesterday towards the cost of building a new physiotherapy and occupational therapy unit in the grounds of the Royal British Legion's hospital at Preston Hall, near Maidstone, Kent.

The Churchill Centre will provide initial treatment and assessment with the object of rebabilitating patients so that they may lead as full a life as possible. Half of the £400,000 cost of the project has been given from the legion's central funds. Work on the building, which will contain a heated hydrotherapy pool and a gymnasium, will begin in April and is expected to be completed by October.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, Jan 16, 1956. From Our Own Correspondent

Bonn, Jan 15.—With the un-expected arrival of a large con-tingent at the 20ne border station expected arrival of a large contingent at the zone border station of Herleshausen in the early hours of yesterday, it is believed that all the uh-amnestied Germans serving sentences in Soviet Russia for war crimes or crimes against humanity have now been returned to Germany. . . Those who arrived were 450 former members of the Wehrmacht, police and SS. Many were sick. Among them was Major Erust Wilhelm Keitel, the 41-year-old son of the former Field-Marshal Keitel. He was taken prisoner when the German forces in Courland surrendered, and last year his right leg had to be amputated at Sverdlovsk because of an old-standing trouble. Major Keitel sald he was never brought before a regular court in Russia, and he attributed his long imprisonment to the conduct of his father who was executed after the Nuremberg trial. He himself was never informed about the fate of his father, but learnt of it from fellow prisoners who tapped out reseases to him from their cells. fellow prisoners who tapped out ressages to him from their cells.

WRVS conference

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is to make the opening speech to the Women's Royal Voluntary Service national conference at the Blooms-bury Centre, Loudon, on Monday.

Council urged to prosecute over houses' demolition

Planning Reporter

South Kesteven District Council, in Lincolnshire, is being urged to prosecute the owners of a group of seventeenth - century listed almshouses which were demolished without consent shortly before Christmas.

Although neglected for many years, the ironstone buildings, in the village of Denton, were corsidered to be outstanding examples of their kind. They were notable for elaborate gables and "bull's-eya" windows, and were described by Sir Nikolaus Peysper as possibly the most delightful to be found anywhere.

The council, which decided to serve a repairs notice last month, is to meet on Thursday to decide what action to take.

Magistrates are empowered to impose a maximum fine of £1,000 or six months' imprisonment or both for illegal demolition; if a case is referred to the Crown Court, a convicted defendant is liable to a one-year prison sentence and an unlimited fine. Welby Estates, which manages the property on which the alms-houses stood, said yesterday that the matter was in the hands of its solicitors.



Part of the almshouses at Denton before demolition.

Area, Mr Jack Aspinall, to be Deputy Chief Constable and Mr Cliff Bucke to be Assistant Chief Constable (Operations).

Mr Christopher Beaumont, Mr Ronald Grey, QC, and Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC, to be recorders on the South Eastern Circuit.

University news

St Andrews
Mr M. J. Kemp, lecturer in the
history of art at Glasgow University, has been appointed Professor
of Fine Arts.

Science report

Dermatology: Burns and skin grafts risk bacterial infection of their taken from the patients within a skinless wounds, which can lead fortnight of admission. The skin to generalized sepsis and death was minced and cultured and

By Our Medical Correspondent Refinements in intensive care techniques have improved survival among badly burnt patients, but the mortality remains high when the mortality remains high when 70 per cent or more of the bod; surface has been damaged. In such cases the main difficulty is the lack of suitable skin for grafting; offly the patient's own unburnt'skin is suitable, and in severe injuries there may be hardly any sites from which skin can be asken.

At present, therefore, badly burnt patients have to remain in hospital for months while a series of skin graft operations is per-formed, and all that time they

to generalized sepsis and death.

A possible answer has been found by doctors at the Peter Earn Brigham: Hospital, Boston, Massachuserts. They used a growth factor obtained from mice and modified laboratory methods to speed the growth of skin in cell culture. Starting with a patch of skin smaller than a postage stamp, the new culture methods can produce an area of skin equal to the whole body surface within five weeks.

The new treknings has been

The new technique has been used in only two patients so far. In each case two patients of skin two continetres square were

was minced and cultured and some of the subcultures frozen for later use. The newly grown skin, very thin and transparent, was laid on to raw wound areas and covered in gauze. The patients also received some conventional skin grafts. Six months later the two types of graft could not be distinguished from each other or from normal skin. This culture technique should lower mortality and reduce the duration and discomfort of treatment for patients with extensive burns. for patients with extensive burns. Source: Lancet (January 10, 1981, p 75).

of central policy making were Those who did not know him may have thought he would relax his pace when he became chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise, If so, they were very much misteken.

high note By Geraldine Norman

hits a

Sale Room Correspondent
The value of wood suitable for The value of wood surable for mending or making violins took Phillips by surprise yesterday when they secured a bid of, £500 for eight 16-inch pieces of seasoned maple. They had been expecting about £100; the purchaser was Molier, a dealer from Holland.

chaser was Moller, a dealer from Holland.

The same dealer spent £2,700 (estimate £2,500) on a violin made by Carlo Giuseppe Oddone, of Turin, bearing his label and the date 1930. The sale of musical instruments totalled £432,450, with

instruments totalled \$432,460, with 4 per cent unsold.

A sale of twentieth-century paintings, drawings and sculpture at Sotheby's realized a top price of £4,000 (estimate £900 to £1,200), paid for a work by the contemporary Greek strist, Hadjikyriakos Ghika. It is entitled "Laden fig tree" and was bought by a Greek private collector. The sale totalled £50,320, with 12 per cent unsold.

A sale of fine jeweiry in New York on Wednesday ran into some difficulties with 32 per cent ansold of the £289,650 total. A sale of silver and plate at Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday did rather better, with only 34 of the £09 lots unsold.

Latest wills

Mr Harold Morton, of Wigan, company director, left estate valued at £174,756 net. After a bequest of £1,000 he left the residue equally between Wigan, Leigh & District Society for the Biland, Wrightington Hospital, near Wigan, Spassics Society RNLI, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Marie Curie Memorial Fonndration, Chest & Heart Association, and the local Cancer Relief Fund of Royal Albert Edward infirmary, Wigan.
Miss Jennie Richardson, of Whitby, left estate valued at £83,703 net.

left estate valued at £83,703 net. After personal and other bequests she left £32,000 to the Methodist Ministers Housing Society and the residue equally between the National Children's Home, Save the Children Fund, RNIB and RNID. Other estates include (net, before

tax paid):
Dawkins, Mr Richard, of Middles-brough, club proprietor £175,115
Hornby, Diana Cicely Beatrice, of Chelsea
£423,571
Hughes, Mr John Henry, of Woodstock, Oxfordsbire £351,751 McLeash, Mr John Alexander, of Northampton £226,123 Sharpe, Bertha Phyllis, of Oxford

Spauls, Mr William Ernest, late of Torquay, schoolmaster 189,032 Summers, Mr Arthur John Horn, of Newbury 168,508 Tattersail, Mr Brian, of Burnley, company director 1423,140 Wallace, Mrs Hilda Gertrade, of 138,217

Westonbirt School

Spring Term opens on Sunday, January 18, when Mr H. A. Nickols joins the school as headmaster. Music scholars recital will be on Saturday, February 14, at 7.30 pm and a confirmation service at 2.45 pm on Saturday, March 14. The Senior Dramatic Society presents The House of Bernarda Alba on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21. The term ends on Saturday, March 28.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include : In the Ministry of Defence police, Colonel Stanley Edwards to be Assistant Chief Constable Northern

Sir Robert Sutton, baronet, whose death is announced, was 83. The son of Sir Arthur Sutton,

seventh baronet, he was born on January 18, 1897, and educated at Wellington and RMC Sandat Wellington and RMC Sand-hurst and saw service with the Life Guards in the First World War. He was invalided out in 1919 and then went out to farm in South Africa. Coming back to Britain in 1924 he farmed in the West Country for many years building up a fine herd of Channel Isle cattle. He hunted all his life with local packs and sat on the district packs and sat on the district council.

daughter of Major A. C. Gover, MC. They had whom the el MC. They had two sons of whom the elder, Richard Lexington Sutton, succeeds to baronetcy.

of Customs and Excise Sir Wilfred Morton, KCB, who were on the receiving end former chairman of the Board of his brisk, efficient, and of HM Customs and Excise occasionally even ruthless, died on January 7. He was 74. approach could be forgiven for seeing him as a somewhat aloof figure. Outwardly reserved, he was, to those who had the good fortune to work with him closely, the warmest and most full and varied career he became a Commissioner in 1955. From 1958-65 he was a lovable of men, genuinely concerned to test the bard decisions which fell to him as head of the Department in terms of their impact on the hopes and ambirions of the

individual.

It was typical of him that among the cares of high official among the cares of high orners position, and even in the height of the Budger season, he could find time to work off duty on behalf of an organization devoted to the welfare of drug addicts and the socially disadvantaged; typical, too, that he took care that very few of his colleagues knew. Outside the office, he had a lively and catholic interest in all the arts. particularly opera, ballet, and the theatre, and enjoyed to the full the simpler pleasures afforded by the gentle English countryside around his Berkshire home and the more dramatic rhythms of the scape of the Lot in South West France where he and his delightful Australian-born wife had purchased a small property towards the end of his career. His friends and colleagues will remember a man blessed with a happy marriage and a fulfilled career crowned with quiet and lasting achievement.

He made three unsuccessful

general election of 1945 be

achieved a notable victory at

Acton, winning a strong Conservarive seat by a majority of 7,456. He held Acton at subse-

quent general elections but lost the seat to his Conservative

opponent at the general election

. In Parliament he was always persistent in advocating the claims of the railway workers.

He was keen, too, in promoting

private Bills, though with little success. In 1949 he introduced the Hairdressers Registration Bill, which failed to pass, and a

reading, a Bill to abolish indus-

trial derating. He was a Government Whip (unpaid) in

member of the British

similar fate befell,

MR J. A. SPARKS

of 1959.

Mr. Joseph Alfred Sparks, Labour member of Parliament for Action from 1945 to September 1959, died on January 12.

He made interesting the state of the House of Commons—at Taunton in 1929, Chelmsford in 1931, and Buckingham in 1935. But at the

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Educated at Hutchesons' Gramma: School and Glasgow

University, he joined Inland Revenue in 1927 where after a

Third. Secretary in HM Treasury before taking up the post of Chairman of the Board of HM Customs and Excise.

which he held from 1965 to

L.J.H. writes: He began his career in the

Inland Revenue, and ended it in

the sister revenue department of Customs and Excise, but he looked back with most affection

on his time in the Treasury,

where the pace and excitement

Within a very short time, he had in hand a massive reorgan-

ization of the venerable struc-ture of the Department which

anticipated many of the Fulton

reforms of the civil service generally, and which later proved invaluable in the enorm-

ous new task of administering

Such changes are not achieved without treading on the occasional toe, and those

SIR WILFRED MORTON

Former chairman of the Board

He was 79. Born on September 30, 1901, the son of Samuel Sparks, he was educated at Uffculm School and the Central Labour College. He went into the service of the old Great Western Railway as a clerk when he left school, and soon became active in the Labour movement. He was Labour sub-agent for Barnstaple in 1923, and election agent for Taunton the following year. Moving to London, he became secretary of the South Kensington Labour Party Later, he had experience in municipal politics, and had been an alderman of Acton Borough Council and Middlesex County Council. He was mayor of Acton 1957-58. For 10 years he was President of 1950-51.
the London District of the He married in 1928 Dora
National Union of Railwaymen. Brent. They had two sons.

MR R. T. LOWEIN

J. O. C. writes:
The death of Bobby Lowein has robbed the ocean-racing scene of one of its most likely able and respected personal-Admirals Cup Team on seven occasions and went out for the Southern Cross series four ties, who probably represented. He was a superlative helms-Britain all over the world at man and an impersurbable, the highest level more often unterly practical seaman, who than anyone else. While still thrived on adverse circum-serving as a dentist in the Royal stances and bad weather. Many He was a superlative helms-Navy he started racing offshore visiting skippers will have wry in 1946 when he was subject memories of being outsmarted to previously unknown levels of discipline and endurance as a fore-deck hand in John Bil-Malbam. Thereafter boats and crews were to be driven by him to the limit of their endurance. but always with a light hearted touch and by his exercising a quiet matter-of-fact leadership

by example.
In 1959 he was voted Yachtsman of the Year. The following year he sailed his own little sloop, Denegeld; in the Bermuda Race and came back

by his incomparable local knowledge of the Solent. He lived and died overlook-

where he played a leading role looking after visiting yachts-men from all over the world. He was Commodore and later Admiral of the Island Sailing Chub. Above all, he was a wonderful shipmate who quietly encouraged and trained dozens of young people, many of them locals, into becoming world-class offshore crewmen. He leaves a widow and two daughfor more in Drumbeat, Crusade ters, having lost his only son and Prospect of Whitby. He was in an avalanche two years ago.

LADY NORMANBROOK

Sir Robert Lusty writes: The death, on January 10 at the age of 90, of Mary (Goss) Normanbrook, widow of Lord Normanbrook, PC, GCB, should not pass unnoticed.

Her husband, Secretary to the Cabinet before becoming Chairman of the BBC after his retirement, was regarded by many as the epitomy of proto-tol and a pillar of the estab-lishment. How quickly he was able to distance himself from all such inhuman rectitude and become revealed as a man of singular liberality, warmth, humour and compassion assist-

ing those at the BBC, was evident after he assumed command.

One was soon able to discern the quality of the remarkable woman who controlled himunorthodox, wirty, always amused and never quite certain of the difference between the BBC and the then ITA, Lady Normanbrook enlivened every BBC occasion which she graced with her presence. No doubt she caused her busband an occasional blush but she was invariably right when discerning, as she thought, a sub-servience to convenient form-

figure. It was largely due to Michalowski's close ties with British scholars that so many

of these younger Poles came to be included in British

expeditions working in the Nile Valley and elsewhere.

Now that he has gone, one must hope that his Centre for

Podkowa Lesna will flourish as

before. Both are indissolubly

PROF KASIMIERZ MICHALOWSKI

"P.K. writes⊹ · ·

May I add to N.R.'s excellent tribute to Kasimierz Michalow-ski, a close friend since his Faras excavations in the early Courageous, warm-hearted and endowed with an unwarm-hearted

quenchable virality and zest for life, he seemed to epitomize the spirit of Poland. Among those who will miss him most Mediterranean archaeology in Warsaw and his Institute in will be the generations of younger Polish archaeologists for whom he became a much loved and venerated father linked with his name. There.

SIR ROBERT SUTTON SAMUELSON

Kendall, daughter of H. Kendall Barnes, of Orpington. She died

He married in 1936 Gwladys

could be no more fitting memorial to him. SIR FRANCIS

eighth . Sir Francis Samuelson, fourth is an baronet, died on January 8 at baronet, died on January 8 at the age of 90.

The son of Sir Francis Samuelson, third baronet, he was born on February 22, 1890, and educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. He saw service in the First World War in France and Palestine as a captain in the Yorkshire Hussars Yeomany. He succeeded his father in 1946.

He married in 1913 Margaret Kendall, daughter of H. Kendall

Correction

ast year.

. Mr Frith Banbury writes to say that it was not he but the late Firth Shephard who took over the Gaiety Theatre in 1935, mentioned in the obstuary of Fred Emney.

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The First World War put death in new and less romantic lights, and the tough twenties preferred life and vitality. For decades death—as a realistic theme, at least, as distinct from apart from greasy marks on the floor. Death in any event seemed sweeter in those days career crowned .

theme, at least, as distinct from the quick, formalized bang-and-pow skittle-felling of westerns and gangster pictures—was practically taboo in the movies. Now, however, death is back to exter the House decade ago, set off the new cycle. Bob Fosse's All That in 1931, for set the clinical side of the in-part dying to music. d it 1931, a feet the tarting in 1931, a dying to music. cless on al 1945. Tribute is all and the contraction of the tottable victory.

Tribute is about the con-centration of the mind, soul and the strong top character that the imminence Majorat of death is supposed to effect. be to the house publicity agent, has dedicated by foreign his life to the proposition that there is nothing better than laughter; and has not noticed that his resolute refusal to take 22 Maring is anything seriously has won him marks horks an audience of cronies but lost him his wife and son. A sen-tence of death from blood cancer stirs him to look for

emotional bonds with his son: but it seems far too late to get

Bob Clark does not attempt to hide up the stage devices) it is a fine actors demonstration piece. Jack Lemmon has enough good one-liners to keep any comic actor happy, as well as a chance to show his range and pathos: he is admirable in the moments when the comic bravado is thin enough to show the real fear underneath. It is a dominant performance, but is not allowed to eclipse the supporting players: Robby Benson porting players; kooby Benson
—too cute, maybe, for a girlshy role—is an intelligent
young actor, often better in
control of the semimental bits
than Lemmon himself; Lee
Remick is coolly touching as
the still loving former wife;
John Marley is the loyal and
patient partner; the marvellously crusty Collenn Develugs lously crusty Collenn Dewhurst plays Scottic's devoted doctor. There, though, lies the diffi-culty of the film, for English audiences at least, Everyone is audiences at least, Everyone is so patently loyal and loving, patient and devoted, with Scottie the warmest, kindest, most lovable human being of them all. The sugar starts to cloy right from the start, when Scottie organizes a subscription dinner at Joe Allen's for a retiring call-girl (and it is a dubing a proposition that any

is not a dry eye in the crowded ball as one friend after another proffers his eulogy and Scottie responds with rolling tears and

to know—or even like— this inhibited, priggish, awkward and deeply resentful boy.

The play (and that is what Tribute is and remains; the screenwriter Bernard Slade

first wrote it as a stage vehicle for Jack Lemmon) is concerned with working out a new relationship between them. The boy overcomes Scottie's fatalistic refusal of medication, in order to give the two of them time to discover respect and love. It all ends sort of happily: it is made clear that Scottle's return to health is merely a "remission "-a favourite new medicodramatic device.
As a play (and the director

dubious proposition that anywhere in the world one whore a clients would all sit casy at the same table). It reaches excess in the finale, a public tribute for Scottle himself, when there

Such moments of unabashed,



Father-son relationship: Robby Benson and Jack Lemmon in Tribute

said, entirely contrived peaks of sentimentality emphasize acute differences of national temperament; and may make it hard for English audiences to admire the high professionalism of the performances.

The Robert Stigwood Organization, which has rather accurately tracked the course of big business musical entertain-

big business musical entertainment, from Hair to Grease, may very well be on the right lines again with Times Square, which represents a sort of edulcorated punk, toned down to the taste of the nicer kind of kids.

The film is directed by a 33-year-old Canadian, Alan Moyle (who has previously made one feature, The Rubber Gun, in Canada) and written by Jacob Brackman, who is remembered as the writer of Bob Raiselson's The King of Marvin Gardens. It adopts a favourite dens. It adopts a favourite unrestrain and, it must be strategy for youth films, of in-

venting a synthetic anti-estab-lishment idol. Nicky is an abandoned, delinquent orphan from the wilderness of 42nd Street; Pamela Peurl is the 12-year-old daughter of the mayor's commissioner appointed to clean up the Times Square area. They meet when they are both patients in the same ward of a usychiatric hospital,

Nicky organizes their escape from the pospital in a scolen ambulance. Swearing blood sisterhood, they set up home on a derelict pier. Nicky's ambition to achieve city-wide notoricty for them is fostered by a disc jockey of uncertain motives, who chronicles their exploitsthey include ritual destruction of television sets by hurling them from high places. As the "Sleaze Sisters" their songs and their example attract a growing following of other frustrated teenagers. Their

career climaxes in a public concert in Times Square, with Nicky performing her songs from the marquee of a marce theatre, as the police close in. There is no pretence that it

is anything but a fable and fairy tale: it needs a very high suspension of disbelief not to question their economic affairs. duestion their economic arrays, their nifty punk pad on the pier, the inability of the police to trace such public characters, the management of the radio station and the sanity of the disc jockey (played by Tim Curry who can not make much Curry, who can not make much sense of the role but seriles

for an enigmatic, mepalsto-phelean stance).

Fairy tales are fine, of course it is only questionable, mildly, whether disturbed children and runaways on the New York streets are really the stuff for this sort of fairy tale, or demand more thoughtful

cult to take seriously nowadays, even with its solemn and beautiful music, nobly sung by John

It is not quite true that the

plece has been forgotten here

for 50 years: I saw it on stage

et St Pancras Town Hall in

1958, and have a programme to

prove it, though no detailed memories beyond that of suc-

cumbing alrogether to its beauty and viability. ENO has

urban surroundings, lightly delineated, pastel-coloured, airy in atmosphere, with cypresses and distant hills for enhance-

ment. The ghostly father's cell

from this background.

would be better curtained off

Colin Graham's production

deals busily with the rivalry of

that hand/That I might touch that cheek". John Brecknock

looks the part of Romeo con-vincingly, lithe, blond, and ardent, a stylish, expert singer:

would that his tenor voice, so

musical, were less dry in quality, better nourished at the top. He does not funk the un-

such doubts, the film is wholl winning, thanks to the central performances—funny, ansenti-mental, touching. Robin Johnson (Nicky) is a 16-year-old newcomer with a wholly pro-fessional manner, gruft Brooklyn speech and a wonderfully vivid, abrasive personality. Trini Alvarado (Pamela) is a 12-year-old professional who retains a charming air of art-lessness to hide her skills. These two infants outshine everyone else in sight.

The ferocity and vulgarity that characterize Live Wertmuller's later films are some what mellowed in Blood Feud, allowing rather more oppor-tunity for her real sense of the ironic. It is a slighter piece than its historical context—the beginnings of Fascism in the early twenties—might merit: the Fascists are pantomime villains, merely providing a background to a parodic drama of Sicilian lust and feuding. It is an all-star affair. Sophia

Loren is the angry, Magnani-like peasant woman with a gun, dedicated to vengeance on the murderer of her husband, now the local Fascist leader. She is unable to resist either of her suitors: Marcello Mastroianni, in a Mosaic beard, is a rich landowner and impractical socialist idealist; Giancarlo Giannini, her brother in law, is newly returned from America where, as a Mafia killer, he has the quintessential become

Both fall victim to the Fascists and die together in Sophia's arms as she economically whispers the same message of eternal love into both ears at once. It does not add up to anything more than an expertly played, often funny parody of the Sicilian melodrama. (It is bard to tell, incidentally, if the suatches of Verdi represent parody, homage or plain pinching from Bernardo Bertolucci.) It probably did not add up to very much more when, on its original American release, it was 13 minutes longer, at 112 minutes. The sub-tries in the present version deserve special mention. Carefully arranged mention. Carefully all angel with regard to the composition of the picture over which they appear, they are technically in advance of any I have ever

David Robinson

Book review-The Theft of the Countryside

By Marion Shoard

(Temple Smith, £9.00, £4.95 paperback) Beningfield's

Countryside By Gordon Beningfield (Allen Lane, 27.95)

read most of Marion Shoard's . book on two train journeys, from London to Bath and to Stratford-upon-Avon, constantly glancing out of the window to were being realized. For most vividly illustrates how a of the time I was reassured by the sight of still flourishing ruphlessly desired beauty spo; can be see now far her dire warnings hedges and copses, streams and watermeadows. But here and there, particularly in the Mid-lands, where the ploughed earth stretched away under the

Readers of the letters col-umns of The Times will be familiar with Crose fears; namely that the traditional and widely loved appearance of the English countryside is being systematically destroyed by modern farming methods.

of the passionate sincerity of Miss Shoard's convictions there can be no doubt, but whether the polemic she employs is likely to further her cause is questionable. For her the contemporary furner her the contemporary farmer is a philistine, impervious to talked to farmers, but she grants them neither space for

their views nor credit for their achievements. A chapter entidevoted entirely to discrediting Government agricultural poli-

Sut given that her's is not an objective viewpoint, it is one none the less that arouses disquiet. The statistics she presents, notably on the near extinction of many wildlife species and on the destruction of ancient archaeological remains, are thoroughly alarm-

ing. She rightly observes that too much conservation emphasis is laid on wild mountain and moorland landscapes which were never as seriously threatened as are areas like the South Downs, the Norfolk Broads, the Chilterns, and the Corswolds. The case of Graffruthlessly destroyed in the face of impotent protest.

The same lament for a vanishing countryside is ecloed in the commentary with which Mr Beningfield intersperses his collection of tersperses his collection of soft, misty paintings and delicate sketches. The pictures themselves form the raison d'être of the book, but there is a sufdued anger in the soft and the soft has been as the soft had been a sufdued anger in the soft had been a sufdued anger in the soft had been as the soft winter sun, I began to share a surdued anger in the text, as when he inveighs against the firling of hedges—"pure van-dalism" and something that a few years ago would have earned its perpetrator instant dismissal.

Conflicting interests, he inti-Conflicting interests, he inti-mates, are likely to be solved by designating a few outstand-ing areas of countryside as museum pieces for visitors who want to see what the rest of it once looked like, and cisewhere allowing farmers, industrialists, builders, and developers to do as they Devel

John Young

Sarah Miles on life's seesaw

Few showbusiness careers in the last twenty years have gone so spectacularly right and gone so spectacularly right and wrong in roughly equal measure as that of Sarah Miles. Now on the verge of her forties, sha is back in London after a seven-year California exile; back to a nomadic life spent largely on a bicycle life spent largely on a bicycle batween friends flats, back to her 13 year-old son by Robert Bolt, and back to the building of a new career which she inrestant was tends to spend as a rather than as an acress. "I never really set out to be at of a classical actress; I wanted to

mother was keen; she named me after Sarah Romand me after Sarah Bernhardt, liked the idea of having a daughter on the stage. Th Allowed a bridge of allowed and a country packed an were four of us: Christopher who's a director and has just done the D. H. Lawrence film, Martin who is a painter. Vanessa who works for Capital Commoder e and we not the tree to an Salisa days Radio and me. I was the ugly one. When I was ten I came back from the horses one afternoon and found the whole family on the croquet lawn No. of the Sales having the family photograph taken without me. They said I was too busy with the horses, but I think what they meant was that my hair was too untidy. That's what makes you want to be a star. That and hating school; I was expelled from three for rebelling against the teachers, and my son takes after me. People look at us and think that if we to of the maker could only be removed then life would settle down and be and tranquil once again, but it never is; only, by the time they discover that, we've already left and it's too late to go back.

"Eventually I got to RADA, and they tried to throw me out there will be one give of there, too, because I stopped going to the more boring classes, but then I hap-pened to be seen in an end-ofterm show by Hugh Beaumon who was the head of H. M. Tennent which in those days was the leading London theatre management, and he gave me a part in a terrible play written by a very good and close friend of his. It was called Dazzling Prospect. Can you imagine starting a career at 19 in a play called Dazzling ns work. "12" int W Prospect? Anyway, my main 10b was to take Margaret Rutherford swimming or the public baths wherever we got to on we that his Centre the tour; that and waking her up for her entrance, because she used to sleep a lot back-Both are advantage stage. My father was a consulting engineer; God knows what he must have thought, but my money seemed to think it was all right and from there I got into the Worthing Rep, where I spent a lot of time worrying about my ears which were transparent under the lights. But by that time I did have

ncis Semuel on foun died on Jacuary 57 the most wonderful agent, Robin Fox, and one day he told me to come to London and audition for a film called 1135n, third hat he as on February 22 13 Term of Trial, to play the schoolgirl in love with Laurence Olivier. I'd always de in the First Wa had his photograph as Heathcliff pinned to my school desk so I thought I could manage rain in the Voltage that, except when I got to the audition there were 200 other rried in 1913 All Fall actresses in a queue, all of them blonde. The whole thing looked like being a waste of time and I had a matinée at Worthing to get back for, so I stormed through to the direc-Peter Glenville and told him he should never have sent for me in the first place and I had better things to do than

line up with a lot of blondes,



and then rather to my surprise he gave me the job." year later came Losey's The Scroant, then Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines and Antonioni's Blow-Up and by the middle 1960s she could virtually write her own con-

tracts:

"I still wanted to work in the theatre, though I had very firm, ideas about the plays I wanted to do. One afternoon when I was living in a flat in St Pancras the doorbell rang and there on the pavement was Sir Ralph Richardson asking if he could have a cup of tea; after a bit he admitted he'd been sent round by H. M. Tennent to persuade me to do a revival of The Rivals with him, but before I could say no he said we had to go see Isabella which turned out to be a sparking new Harley-Davidson mororbike on which be drove me round London faster than I have ever been driven any-where in my life. But I still didn't do the play." Instead she went to Olivier's

row with Noël Coward: ... "He was there rehearsing at all. Hau Fever with Dame Edith and I was cast as Sorel which is about the unfunniest role he ever wrote; so determined was to get at least the occasional laugh off Edith that I began sending Sorel up rotten. Occasionally in the background I'd hear Edith cascading 'Is' the girl going to play it like that even when we've got an audience?' but Noël couldn't bear it either. He kept telling me it was a great play, until I reminded him that he'd written it in three days; I think he quite liked me after that, but we all knew I was dead wrong casting and I'd never get right so we agreed to part and then poor Larry had ceremonially to fire me from the National I've never been much

or in the theatre." Instead she went back to the cinems, turned down Darling (one of the remarkably few regrets she acknowledges) and then found herself beached by change in film-making

good on teams, either at school

Suddenly the Americans didn't want to know about girls walking down the King's Road; it was our own fault, because for years we'd been making these low-budget, introvert, very English films and suddenly American audiences

got fed up with miniskirts and began filming their own prob-lems with their own people. We were so hung up on our own class warfare that it never occurred to us the Americans had stopped caring one way or the other."

It was around then, at a party in London, that Robert Bolt first met the wife he was to describe as "a debarched Alice in Wonderland"; there followed a seven-year marriage, during which time Bolt wrote Ryan's Daughter and Vivat! Vivat Reginal and Lady Caroline Lamb for her:

"In a curious way I was wrong for all of them, but I could never persuade Robert that he should find another actress; at one time he was writing the life of Gandhi and was terrified he'd cast me for that too. Ours wasn't a bad marriage, and it gave me my son who is wonderful, but it all came to a very black end because of a brilliant schizophrenic writer called David Whitling who came to interview me for a Time cover story when I was up for a Ryan's Daughter Oscar. He stayed around, became my business manager, and even-tually they found him dead in my bathroom in Arizona while I was on location there for a Burt Reynolds film called The

Man Who Loved Cat Dancing.

"That meant an end to just about everything—the marriage had collapsed, papers were call-ing me David's killer, my parents had to move out of the village they'd lived in all their married life, it was just the end. I figured even California couldn't be worse, and at least I'd be anonymous there, so I went and lived out at Malibu and then gradually retreated further and further up Bene-dict Canyon until finally I was living in a kind of log hut. But-at least I was managing on my own, there own, there were no more reporters under the bed, and I wasn't turning out rubbish films. For the first time in National, first for a distin-guished revival of *The Cruc*-to do with my life, and what I lible and then for a massive decided was that Pd never decided was that I'd never really wanted to be an actress

"I don't mean I won't act again, because I'm just now doing a kind of horror film called Venom to pay the bills, but what I really want to do is start singing. Pre written a batch of maybe 30 songs, one of which Streisand wanted to buy when I did it on American television, and I'm getting them into a kind of show called Smiles which stands for S. Miles. It's a solo evening but not bits of the classics and all that boring rubbish people usually do in solo shows; instead it's just my life story told through the songs. I tried it out in San Francisco, where they hated it so much I had to have guards at the stage door, but then later in Chicago where it worked a lot better,

"I've always wanted to be Piaf rather than Peggy Ashcroft, and I think maybe now I've got the strength to try the show over here; the trouble is that is really needs to be seen in a piano bar, and the English don't seem to have piano bars, so I'm still working on ther one. Louis Malle and Coppola came to see it in Chicago and said I was like Lenny Bruce in drag; you can't ask for a better review than that, now can

Romeo and Juliet Coliseum

William Mann

People who care about operatic repertory in this country regularly grumble that our companies fight shy of French works, apart from Carmen (and, since last year, Tales of Hoffmann). The usual reaction is to drag out Samson et Dalia to little avail. This time, the English National Opera, in an access of blessed inspiration, has reached in the right direction and selected Gounod's Roman et Inlients. Roméo et Juliette.

The presence in the company of Valerie Masterson must have made the choice easier, but in any case this is an opera that should never have been dropped from British repertory. The adaptation from Shakespeare is skilful and, in diction, quite loyal. Gound's music is masterly in establish-ing situation and character, in harmony and rhythm perfectly characteristic of French music at that time (1867), in melody agog with the freshness and urgeacy of young love.

The difficulty of finding singers nowadays with any con-

vocal style and a command of the language is at least partly met at the Coliseum by the English language tradition of the company. Gounod's opera is sung there in Edmund Tracey's new translation, quite intelligibly even when Shakespearian sentiments are not avail-(as in Friar Lawrence's wedding solo, purest French bourgeois Catholic polyphiloprogenitive propaganda, diffi-

When the Bough Breaks

Confessions have always: been the raw stuff of popular journalism, making us feel smugly superior where they concern human weakness and smugly left out where they conce human sexuality. Or not, de-

In an altogether different key some amazing things are being said on BBC 2 these days. Or almost said. In this remarkable series, young mothers are coming forward and speaking of the violence in their lives: violence from husbands, vio-lence towards children. They refer to it as "child abuse", a carefully diffused term. What they mean is hitting, thumping, smacking, screaming, pain.

Theirs is not a testimony to make anyone feel smug, especially anyone who has Walker/Vignoles Wigmore Hall Hilary Finch

The flight of wild geese, white in the sunlight, a swirling gypsy dance, the grief of an exile, the first elusive breaths of spring: all were vividly recreated by Sarah Walker and Roger Vignoles on Wednesday night phrough a wide range of both musical and verbal language. Songs by Sibelius, Grieg and Dyorak in chair original languages were preceded by Wolf and Schumana in one of the richest recitals of the Wig-more's Czech and Scandinavian Sheridan Morley series. The delicate precision of Morike's poetry and the fine

written but expected top C's, though the heroic ring was I was sorry that Stuart Har-ling made such heavy weather

BBC 2

Joan Bakewell

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nuances of Wolf's seming were caught delightfully by both per-formers, though Miss Walker's top register was not yet in true, bright focus; but she gave to Schumann's last sombre and somewhat awkward Maria Stuart songs a moving tenderness and sense of musical pur-

Dose. Not essentially a miniaturist like Grieg, Shelius could write accompaniments which at times feel almost too large for the poetry they support; yet Roger Vignoles brought colour and bright momentum to Sarah Walker's flexible, burgeoning phrasing of "Spring flies swiftly" and equalled her wonderfully dramatic charac-terization of "The Tryst", its last line darkly powerful in

strong chest voice. Five Grieg songs

poetry.

made little of Julier's Nurse, I thought until now, but Noreen Berry found more in the part than expected, a signal gain. Marie McLaughlin likegain, Marie McLaughtin like-wise seized gratifyingly on Stephano's brief moment of glory, a serenade followed by a sword-fight, good fun to watch, lovely to listen to.

Hateful Tybalt is strongly acted and sung here by Geof-frey Pogson; Capulet likewise, and well balanced in tempera-ment, by Geoffrey Chard (how I wish he would copy Alich-biades's exercises in enuncia-tion). Louis Frémaux was intelligently chosen to conduct made it a handsome show to watch and hear, give or take a reservation. Alix Stone's per-manent set shows a charming piets of Carolists house and this brave new reclamation of Gounod's opera, since he has given us all much pleasure, and enlightenment, in French romantic music, to go farther.

His direction on Wednesday was ideally paced for mood and note-values, yet tepidiy charachouseholds, and the Capulet festivity, very tenderly with the love scenes—I was glad to see Romeo climb half-way to Julier's balcony in justification of "O that I were a glove upon terized-witness the fugato of conflict in the introduction, and the inward harmoniousness of the bedroom scene (Gounod's inspired progressions ought to glow like physical sensations), and the duplicate duel scene which should bring us to the edge of our seats. perhaps loves the score too much to heighten its contents and risk exaggeration; but he and risk exaggeration; but he failed to galvanize the ENO orchestra, a body known to be thus conducive (think of the recent Arabella). Valerie Masterton's Juliet, wide-eyed, pony-tailed, eager, every phrase new-minted, unafraid, infinitely. true and musical, poignant and grand as the drama progressed kept us all enrapt. May her colleagues soon follow suit.

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Characteristically, the mother

were most direct. A member of

of aggravating panic. They still get 325 calls a year. The pro-

fessionals tended towards

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But it was the story of a whole family that was most moving: Betty, regularly knocked about by her husband, Ralph, her son, who had begun to punch his girlfriend, and Liz, the daughter, who spoke of her ruined childhood but who has surrived and changed

who has survived and changed

breaking the strand of violence that links generations. A vic-

tory for the new openness about

the problem. The series will be

repeated on BBC 1 on Monday

afternoons. I hope the people

who need it are the ones who

your aid.

Mercutio's song about Queen Mab, not least when he acted and sang the fatal duel with such mercurial spirit. Gounod

cared for small children 24 hours in each day. The series is in nightly

gulps of 15 minutes, and the episodes streak by. If you must have a celebrity presenter, and these series seem to feel it is their only chance of hooking viewers, then John Thaw is as good as any. He sits broadly on a wide chair, exemplifying fictional violence turned to fatherly kindness.

The other regular profes-sional, Joan Court, is a social worker. Blinking with an authorizative shyness in front of the camera, she is quite obviously pure gold when you are confiding privately to her that you are tempted to throw your child from a high balcony. Her's is the model of. the non-judging presence.

Otherwise, it is mostly mothers telling each other, and now us, how small children can drive you mad and that when you reach breaking point there are self-help groups, GPs, health visitors, social workers and the

> grouped round "Fra Monte its broad canvas Pincio ' unveiled with an affective full ness of vocal tone and breadth of line that could turn, in the short dying recollections at the end, into a remarkably firm pianissimo. Warmly expressive, too, was Miss Walker's controlled integration of dynamics and line over the slow, widely arching "Til En", and the sense of movement, light and joyful expectancy in the rowing song from Grieg's exquisite

With some thrilling sounds from Miss Walker's by now brightly resonant top register; Dvorak's Gypsy Songs were per formed with panache but also movingly projected involve-ment in the shifting colours of their emotional life.

settings of Vilhelm Krag's folk

bis heritage, activated solely clsewhere allowing fa by profit, outrageously subsidized to produce food surpluses which nobody wants. She claims at one point to have come to that Or will it?

Pleasures renewed

The Workshop Hampstead

Irving Wardle

There are plays that you re-risit like a foreign country, and plays you revisit like old friends. And in spite of its Parls setting, Jean-Claude Grumberg's seven-year chroni-cle of the back-street rag trade (beautifully anglicized by Tom Kempinski) definitely belongs

In the second category.

When I first saw Nicholas
Kent's Oxford Playhouse
production last autumn, my
chief impression was of the
author's skill in showing a society recovering from the war through the microcosm of one small working group. That interest is still strongly there. in the post-occupation debates on bread-shortages, the rela-tive merks of the Krauts and the Yanks, the queues at the missing persons bureaux, and the steady return to normal with sinion activism invading the workshop where it will no longer do to make an overcoat with two left arms. As M Leon, the habitually distraught boss, puts it: "We are at the end of the postwar period. We are

now in a prewar period."

But more immediate than
any public issue is the pleasure,
of dropping in on the girls
again and seeing how they are getting on. It is their person-alicies, their mostilizies and alliances, and their varying survival tactics that give the plotlessly episodic piece its

vitality.

M Grumberg's sovereign in which dramatic quality is the care he sonal eler takes over trivial detail. These guishable.

seven women carry the weight of terrible memories, but what counts now is Marie's exasperation at crossing town on a day when the cioth runs out, and group resentment against Memory (Marrala) Cibbel for Laurence (Matyelok Gibbs) for monopolizing the privileged place by the window (even though there is nothing to be seen outside). An eye-scratching row develops out of this during Marie's marriage party; then, in one of the play's characteristic reversals of sympathy, the touchy old prude relents and offers the bereaved Simone a view of the empty courtyard.

By such modest means, affec-tion is built up for everyone in the workshop from the bashful Giselle (Jennifer Piercey) with her weakness for romantic songs, and Sandy Ratcliff's Mimi, armour-plated with dancehall maquillage and phallic repartee, to the boss and his tough go-between wife (Caro-line Hutchisson). The one line Hutchinson). The one crucial addition to the splendid cast is Lee Montague whose as the Jewish boss redistributes the balance of the production.
With that martyred tyfant brandishing the cutting sciszors in impassioned hard-luck contests ("Me? Sleep at nights?") this can no longer be described as a women's

Its centre, however, remains Lynn Farleigh's Simone, the confidently finisher. first expecting reunion with her deported husband, and finally making do with his pensionable death certificate: a superbly truthful performance in which the public and performance are additionally and performance are additionally and performance are additionally as a second performance are additionally and additionally and additionally are additionally as a second performance are additionally and additionally and additionally are additionally and additionally and additionally are additionally and additionally additionally and additionally additionally additionally and additionally add sonal elements are indistin-

The Trial Young Vic

Ned Chaillet

Persistence is the first quality to expect in the theatre comourse of the Arts Council, and will be interesting to which companies will survive from the more than 40 that have had their grants inexplicably cut in the past few weeks. It is odd that those cuts came after a generous 14 per cent were most direct. A memoer of parents Anonymous (yes, really) spoke of herself as "a listening ear". On Brighton's Helpline they do not rush to answer the telephone for fear increase in cash from the Gov eroment, but then it is odd that no grant went to the Cherub Company, which has produced Calderon, Ghelde-rode and Two Noble Kinsman,

plus children's plays, since its

formation in 1978. persistence. With ted a measure of art, and the faults of their production of The Trial are the faults of youth and poverty and not of vision. The director, Andrew Visnevski, has adapted a Polish stage version of Kafka's novel and the designer, Tom Hunsinger, has taken inspiration from the drawings of George Grosz for the ghoulish designs. The result is a production that is not without humour, though the five actors taking 21 parts are not broad enough in their technique effectively to point up the funnier lines. Instead, they are best at exploiting the ebsurdly ominous tone of Joseph K's arrest for his unnamed offence.

They move on and off stage through a chest-high doorframe and alter their faces with mas's. The labyrinths of law, of the aimlessly repressive law of the novel, are suggested by lines drawn on the stage and K himself is a near, bewildered figure as portraved by Tom Hunsinger. He lacks the full range of expression that is required of his voice but, as with the other actors, his physical movement often speaks for him, particularly at his final abduction by executioners.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Before the well-suggested nightmare of that moment, the director has played a full range of emotions with his staging, by turns creating sorrow, frustration, comedy and, recurringly, a sezy condemnation of K's susceptibility to wanen. Repetition is the technique which emphasizes the howor the situation and which amplifies the hypnotic nature of the very effective storytelling.

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IN BRIEF

Bonn to lead **Turkish** credit talks for OECD

West Germany will lead the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development efforts to assemble a further credit sid parkage to Turkey this year, after leading similar efforts in 1979 and 1980, Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish deputy prime minister, said in

He made the appouncement after discussing Turkey's economic and political situation with Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the

foreign minister and senior government officials.

Turkey seeks OECD credit in excess of \$1,300m (nearly 5542m) this year, compared with \$1,600m pledged by the organisation in 1980.

Massey solution

Barclays Bank is optimistic that bankers will reach agreement by the weekend on the Massey-Ferguson refinancing through an interest forgiveness plan, a Massey spokesman said in London. The total of loans under discussion is said to be SCan1,500m (about £528m).

Kuwait crude find

The state-owned Kuwair Oil Co has apparently discovered a major oil field in the northern rarr of the Gulf Sheikdom, near the existing Sabriya fields. It is said to be "a very heavy oil"

Plant to employ 600

Panel Plus Industries, manufacturers of self-assembly furniture, are to open a new factory at Peterborough with the creation of 600 new jobs.

1.400 on short time

A slump in the sale of men's has forced the British Shoe Corporation to put 1,400 workers at their factories in Kentering and Northampton on a four day week, starting from today. This brings the total of short time shoe workers in Northamptonshire to 14,000 with nearly 2,000 being made redundant.

Umit trust sales up

Unit Trust sales in 1980 were the industry's best ever at £531m, but repurchases sales of units back to the managers -were also a record at £424m. leaving net sales of £108m, well below the industry's high of £258m in 1968.

More petrol rises

Pump prices of BP and Texaco petrol are to rise by around 5p per gallon. Both companies followed Shell, Esso and Mobil yesterday in increasing the price of their wholesale deliveries from midnight last night. The cost of heating oils is also up.

Grand Met profits Grand Metropolitan, the food, drinks and hotels conglomerate headed by Sir Maxwell Joseph increased profits by nearly 12 per cent to £152m last year. Financial Editor, page 19

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The Dow Jones industrial average closed 3-50 points up at 969.97. The \$-5DR was 1.26776. The £ was 0.528454.

The clearing banks are to be told next week and the plan is likely to be announced in the

first-come-first-serve basis and both the demand and risks in-volved will be used to assess whether loan guarantees should be introduced on an unlimited basis.

It is almost certain that under the experimental scheme the banks will be expected to take 25 per cent of the risk with the remaining 75 per cent underwritten by the Govern-

The idea behind loan guaran-

The loca beauth loan guarantees is to help small businesses which require loan capital but which fall short of bank lending criteria of security or balance sheet ratios.

Small business campaigners have been arguing for years that perfectly viable businesses have been denied capital and that the Corresponds to the property of the corresponds to the corr that the Government should be

ran into concerted opposition from civil servants in the Department of Industry. The Dol was concerned at the administrative burden which would be created by such a scheme and at the possibility of excessively high levels of borrowings among small com-

such a scheme would involve

an unacceptable degree of inter-vention in industry and an increase in the quantity of gov-ernment-backed paper in circulation with the resultant upward

pressure on interest rates.
However, consistent pressure
from the small business lobby has been paying dividends. Mrs Thatcher herself appeared to have changed her mind on the issue some weeks ago after initially opposing the idea and now Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, is understood to have accepted that the scheme should be given a trial.

One big consideration is that a full-blooded loan guarantee scheme could inject between £1,000m and £10,000m of new capital into small companies and create substantial new

and create substantial new employment.

The latest move follows some weeks of ludications that civil servants were now taking a more positive view of the idea.

Officials from the Treasury, the Department of Industry and from the Dol's small business unit have all been pursuing extensive consultations with small tensive consultations with small business experts, all of whom commented that the atmosphers had changed radically in recent

One consistent force against the idea from the beginning has been the banks. However, since last summer they appear to have accepted the possibility of the scheme and the weakening of their opposition may well have played an important part in this latest development. In another development for small businesses Mr John Page, (Harrow West, Conservative) has tabled a private member's bill which would create a special Minister of State for Small

Although this bill as such is panies. unlikely to get a hearing, Mr Under the Conservatives the Page believes the Government prima objection has been that is in favour of the idea in prim-

Lloyds & Scottish joins race to buy UDT

By Roman Eisenstein Banking Correspondent

Lloyds & Scottish, the finance house jointly controlled by Lloyds Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland, is making a £106m bid in cash and shares for United Dominions Trust, the once troubled finance house which is itself trying to merge its consumer credit interests in Britain with the Trustee Savings Banks.

Mr George Duncan, chairman of Lloyds & Scottish, said yesterday that his company had to act unilaterally without prior discussions. There had been rumours of an impending bid and the UDT shares had moved shead, he said. They were 42p before the announcement but earlier in the week before the rumours started they stood at 370. at 37p.

Under the terms proposed by Lloyds & Scottish, shareholders in UDT would receive 43.36p in cash and 11.64p in ordinary shares of Lloyds & Scottish for each UDT share. This values each UDT share at 55p compared to an asset value. share at 55p, compared to an asset value of 51p.

Lloyds & Scottish intends to raise more than £80m by issuing shares to Lloyds Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Each bank owns nearly 40 per cent of Lloyds & Scottish, and by taking up shares it will maintain the present level of shareholdings.

Last May, Lloyds & Scottish did a



bought Talcott Factors, of the United States, for £15m and raised the money from its two main shareholders.

If the deal goes ahead, the joint it the deal goes ahead, the joint group would become one of Britain's largest finance houses. With outstanding debts of some £900m, it would be slightly chead of Forward Trust, which is owned by the Midland Bank, but behind Mercantile Credit, which is owned by Barclays Bank and has outstanding debts of £1,000m

Mr Duncan said yesterday that the merger "will conform to our philosophy of balanced portfolio. The group together will add quite a deal of strength to both of us". Both Lloyds & Scottish



triggered unilateral action

and UDT have substantial interests outside their traditional finance house

Lloyds & Scottish has interests in factoring, tractor distribution, television rentals and computer services.

UDT's main non-finance house sub-sidiary is the International Commodities Clearing House. This company stands on its balance sheet at £16m, but analysts in the market think it is worth a good deal more. With the proposed extension of financial and gold futures to London, its prospects could be alluring to Lloyds & Scottish, especially as its profitability is counter cyclical to that of a finance

Other UDT activities include vehicle hire, construction and engineering.

The profits of finance houses normally fall when interest rates are high and several of them have tried to protect themselves against the cycle by

Since last August, UDT has been negotiating with the Trustee Savings Bank for a deal under which it would exchange 75 per cent of its consumer exchange 75 per cent of his transfer for exchange in Britain for £57m, of which £12.5m would remain in Endeavour, a joint hire purchase company. Talks have not been completed yet because of technical hitches.

But yesterday Mr Leonard Mather, chairman of UDT, said that talks with TSB were continuing. "The TSB deal is still proceeding", he said. Mr Mather stressed that the Lloyds & Scottish approach came as a "complete surprise."

prise". Yesterday a spokesman for Truste Savings Bank also said that its deal with UDT was going ahead. The UDT board will be holding discussions in the next few days to decide on its response to the Lloyds & Scottish

Lloyds & Scottish said that the deal was subject to the recommendation of the board of UDT and to details on trading. In fact, with 37 per cent of UDT shares in the bands of Eagle Star and Frudential Assurance, the outcome is likely to be decided by the attitude of these two institutions

Chemical

Pay cuts demanded over new Chrysler loan

Washington, Jan 15.—Chrys-ler workers in the United States are being asked to sacrifice \$622m (about £259m) in wages, cost of living benefits and com-

pany pension contributions. This has emerged as one of the stringent financial condiclaryster Loan Guarantee Board in return for a fresh \$400m (f156.67m) cash injection to save the bankrupt car company. Chrysler has also been told to seek a possible merger with an-

other manufacturer.

The board also is insisting that Chrysler try to wrest con-cessions worth millions of dol-lars from suppliers and past lenders by the weekend.

Mr. Lee Iacocca, the Chrysler
chairman said: "It's a superdeal ".

But Mr Douglas Fraser, president of the United Auto

Workers Union, expressed dismay at the terms required for the loan.

"This is the worst economic settlement we've ever made, but the only thing worse is the alternative no jobs for Chrysler workers," he said.

Company officials said that their most difficult task would be convincing the 125 banks and insurance companies that have lent money in the past, to accept preferred stock in Chrysler as payment for \$500m in old debts.

Chrysler also would have to convince the lenders to accept 30 cents per dollar as repayment for another \$500m. Under the loan board's con-

ditional sporoval, Chrysler would have to persuade its sup-pliers to make concessions totalling \$72m over the next

Mr William Miller, America's Treasury Secretary who heads the loan board, said Chrysler would have to agree to "commit itself to rake all possible steps to obtain an infusion of capital through merger or other magne" Mr Iacocca told reporters the

company had been exploring various international ventures, but was not yet ready to talk of a merger. The loan board has fixed another meeting for today and

expects the company to produce assurances that the various con-cessions will be made by workers, lenders and suppliers. Mr Miller said that if the

assurances were not given the request for aid would have to be referred to the Reagan Administration, which takes office on Tuesday.

likely outturn for the present

will want confirmation that the

But both Mr Fraser, for the

union, and Chrysler officials have said they cannot afford to wait that long since the com-pany could run out of cash within the month unless it gets immediate assistance. They were concerned that it

may take Mr Donald Regan, the

new Treasury Secretary, some time to become familiar with the problem—possibly more time than Chrysler appeared to have. Already Chrysler has drawn \$880m of the \$1,500m in loan

guarantees approved by con-

Formal action by the loan board today would set the stage for final approval being granted by January 31, assum-ing the incoming Reagan Administration agreed to the ex-tension of further guarantees. —Reuter, AP Dow-Jones.

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the moment. Mr David Warburton, the General and Municipal Workers Union national industrial officer for the chemical industry, said after yesterday's day-long talks: "I am very pleased with the progress we have made today. "It is a significant improve-

a reduction in the working week from 1984." Last night's agreement will now be put to regional confer-ences of the union and will go before the union's national chemical conference for final approval at the end of the month, but with the suport of the negotiators, the deal is cer-

At the same conference, delegates will draw up the pay claim to submit to the Chemical Industries Association for this year's pay round.

agement today to discuss the company's plans to make 1,000 of its 4,000 workforce redundant in the fertilizers' division. The two main unions, the GMWU and the white collar Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, have given national backing for any groups of workers who take action in protest at the redun-

gations of the company's operwith the workforce.

Voting will Lonrho says

By Philip Robinson

Voting will be very close on whether House of Fraser can sell and lease back D. H. Evans, the London store, for £29m, Lonrho, the trading company which is resisting the move and which has forced next Tuesday's extraordinary meet-ing on the issue, claimed yes-

shares of its own, stressed that a large abstention vote was likely from Fraser's 36,000 shareholders, who hold a total

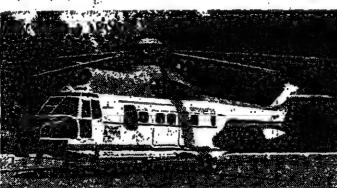
have been surprised at the number of institutions who have investments in both Fraser and Lonrho, who have rung up say-ing they will not be voting. "Legal and General has writ-

it is involved with the deal." rotes are cast, Lonrho will get 60 milion, If 115 million votes come out, then we and Fraser will get about 57 million each.

Lourho was urging its sup-porters yesterday to send in their proxy votes by today. It is customary for the proxy deadline to be noon, 48 hours before the start of the meeting et which they are to be cast. But it is understood that the Clydesdale Bank, House of Fraser registrars, is preparing

on Sunday.

House of Fraser is reported to be claiming that it has the backing of 68 million votes



The Super Tiger which Bristow will operate.

£83m helicopter contract

By Arshur Reed Air Correspondent

. The Bristow helicopter group yesterday concluded arrange-ments to buy 35 332L Super Tigers from Aerospatiale, the French manufacturer, at a cost, with spares and equipment, of £83m-claimed to be the biggest civil order in the commercial helicopter industry.

Bristow, based at Redhill, Surrey, will use the aircraft, due to be delivered from 1982, for servicing the oil and gas exploration industry in the North Sea and on other contracts throughout the world.

The group said: "The deci-

sion to purchase the 332L was

group becomes the largest investor in Aerospatiale civil products, and maintains its position as a leading worldwide operator.

copter industry which had hoped that the group would buy the Boeing Vertol Chinook.

Gilts upset by higher PSBR fears

financial year.

While official figures con-firming a slowdown in monetary expansion in December were much in line with City expecta-tions yesterday, the miniaterial warning that the public sector borrowing requirement was likely to exceed £11,500m in the present financial year upset the giltedged market, and prices of long-dated stocks generally fell by up to £1.

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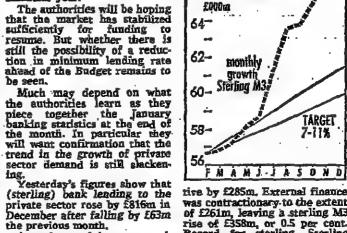
Although the market had been expecting that the PSBR outcome might well be higher than the Treasury's revised November estimate, some analysts took Wednesday evening's speech by Mr Nigel Lawton, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, to mean that the PSBR might well finish up either side of £13,000m.

The worry for markets is two-fold. First, it suggests that the

fold. First, it suggests that the Government is still having con-

A good part of this turnround, may reflect companies switch-Government is still having considerable difficulty getting to grips with public sector finances. Second, it implies that further large tranches of giltedged stock will need to be sold before the end of the monetary year in mid-April.

On the other hand, the market now knows that the Treasury assessment of prospects for the PSBR in 1981-82 are better than had generally may reflect companies switching from dollar to sterling borrowing as dollar interest rates sourced. While bank lending in sterling to the private sector in foreign currency fell by £345m. The increase in sterling bank lending to the private sector more than accounted for total domestic credit expansion of £761m in December. The public sector contribution was nega-



was contractionary to the extent of £261m, leaving a sterling M3. rise of £358m, or 0.5 per cent. Record for sterling. Sterling remained buoyant on the foreign exchange markets yes-tarday. (Frances Williams terday (Frances. Williams writes). In Frankfurt the pound was fixed at midday at DM4.80, its highest level for nearly five years, and at the Milan fixing it touched a record level at 2,284.5 lira. In London sterling hir \$2,4055 before closing at \$2,605 to 15,500 before closing a \$2.4015, up 45 points. Financial Editor, page 19 Table, page 20

Mr Carter's Budget bequest to the new Administration

Washington, Jan 15

President Carter published his last Budget today, for the year beginning in October 1981, known as fiscal 1982. It pro-jects a deficit of \$27,500m (£11,458m) followed by \$8,000m in 1983 and a surplus of \$32,000m in 1984.

The usefulness of these pro-

jections can be measured by

comparing them with those

of \$5,000m in 1982 and \$25,000m in 1983. The deficit for the current year is now estimated at \$55,200m, more than three times the projected figure, and the end has not yet

American budgets are all political, Mr Carter is leaving office next week and this budget is his bequest to Mr Reagan. The outgoing president has set up a budget that, in theory, could balance by the end of his successor's term, but issued a year ago. Mr Carter end of his successor's te then projected a deficit for only if he were to break 1981 of \$16,000m, and surpluses promises to cut taxes. only if he were to break all his

Mr Carter includes in today's budget a supplemental request for \$6,300m for defence, which would increase spending in this area in real terms by a total of 8 per cent over last year. De-fence spending, under Mr Carter's proposals, would then continue to rise by 5 per cent a year from 1982 anwards. Mr Reagan, who has promised great increases in defence spending, is going to find it difficult to

The budget for 1982 proposes outlays of \$662,700m and receipts of \$711,800m. Defence

would take 25 per cent of the expenditure, compared with 24 per cent proposed for the cur-rent year. Under Mr Carter's proposals the percentage of the budget devoted to defence will increase steadily to 28.5 per cent in 1986.

Using a calculation of the percentage of the gross national product devoted to defence, the increase is less striking. It will rise from 5.4 per cent to 5.7 per cent between 1976 and 1982,

ment in the same period rises from 22.3 per cent to 23 per If local government ex-penditures are included, the percentage is about a third. In his Budget message today, President Carter once again denounced large tax cuts as

large inflationary individual in-come tax cuts are neither appropriate nor possible today, however popular they might appear in the short run", he

inflationary.

out with senior managers at Fisons, have concluded that the company's plans are too drastic. The union says that changes are needed and would be accepted, but it is insisting on such changes being negotiated.

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Cow & Gate takes the bull by the horns

fashionably rounded features was a symbol of childhood feeding time for many British babies, underwent a significant change yesterday when Unigate, the parent company, announced that it was merging the operation with Nutricia, a Dutch baby food group.

This will take Cow & Gate, which currently has a 30 per cent share of the British baby food market, into a group which should emerge as number 3 in the European market with com-bined sales of about £50m, be-hind Nestle and Glaxo. The latter, with Wyeth, is Cow & Gate's main competition in this

The image of the now-un- are under way which should this country, it had played a and although Cow & Gate's ashionably rounded features lead to a merger of the two smaller part in Unigate's inter- main export market was to of the Cow & Gate baby, which companies interests in the national operations. manufacture and sale of infant

Unigate to merge its baby foods operation with Dutch group

feeding products throughout the world. If all goes according to plan, Nutricia will acquire the manufacturing and sales facilities of Cow & Gate in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland with its overseas pack ing and sales operations. In turn Unigate will receive

issue of new shares by the end The reason for the merger Mr John Clement, chairman of Unigate, said that although Cow & Gate was one of the old-

a shareholding of about 25 per cent in Nutricia through the

With turnover at 3 per cent. or about £25m of the group total, Cow & Cate's profits,

thought to be a mere £200,000 or so a year. At the same time the baby food industry, including Cow & Cate, had been forced to spend a lot of time in recent years dealing with criticism, such as that levelled at Nestle about its sales to third world countries where mothers were not sufficiently educated to use the products correctly and allowed their babies to become

which are not disclosed, ar

dehydrated. On top of that, breast feedcountry.

Cow & Gate was one of the olding had become more popular est and most respected names in again in Europe while the Unigste said that discussions the infant feeding business in number or births had declined,

main export market was to Nigeria and the old Commonwealth countries (excluding Canada) it did not have the opportunity to move into the

Nutricia, on the other hand, had a presence in the former Durch colonies such as Indonesia where there had been rapid urbanization resulting in a greater number of working mothers and a higher birth rate, all contributing to sales.

which proved financially disas-Rosemary Unsworth

Lloyd's clash over private Bill on self-regulation By Richard Ailen Several interested parties have been calling for amend-Insurance Correspondent

A conflict within Lloyd's over the drafting of a private Bill designed to improve the insurance market's self-regulatory procedures is expected to come to a head early next week -only days before the Bill is scheduled to be presented to Parliament. At least 15 Conservative MPs

are understood to have given their backing to a call to Mr Peter Green, Lloyd's chairman, for an urgent meeting to discuss proposed amendments with critics of the Bill. The implication is that if

Lloyd's existing 16-man committee cannot reach a compromise with objectors, the fight could be taken to the House of Commons with the result that enactment of the Bill could at least be delayed for at least a

ments to the draft Bill, including the recently-formed Association of External Members, which is chaired by Lady Janey Middleton, a former member of the ill-starred Sasse underwriting syndicate.

Most significantly, the association is attempting to force an amendment to Clause 11 of the draft Bill which would effectively give an in-demnity to the proposed

demnity to the proposed Liloyd's ruling council against court action in the wake of a market dispute. Others feel that proposals for divestment of underwriting interests by Lloyd's insurance brokers, as contained in last year's report from a working party headed by Sir Henry Fisher, should be introduced.

These proposals have already caused bitter controversy within the market.

State ready to start loans scheme for small businesses

By Bryan Appleyard

The Government is now ready to introduce an experimental loan guarantee scheme for small companies. It will involve up to 5,000 Government-guaranteed bank loans to small companies in the financial year

Budget, although there are some suggestions that it could become official before that.

At this stage the loans appear to be planned on a nationwide

ready to shoulder some of the risk by underwriting bank During the last Labour Government Mr Harold Lever first proposed the idea, but it

terday. Lonrho, with 45 million

of 150 million shares. Mr Robert Dunlop, a Lourho director, said last night: "We

ten saying it will abstain with its 2.5 million shares because Institutions are estimated to bold around 40 per cent of the Fraser equity. Mr Dunlop added: "If about 120 million

"The total number of votes at the last annual meeting was 128 million. You always get more people voting at those meetings rather than extraordinary meet-ings over this rather dull issue."

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sive evaluation of the aircraft, with particular emphasis on its performance, technical qualities and cost effectiveness.

"With this latest purchase. following previous orders for Alouette 3, Astar, Twinstar and Puma J helicopters, the Bristow

Bristow's choice of a French machine is, in fact, a severe set-back for the United States heli-

do any better.

while the percentage of gap spent by the Federal Govern-

fast-expanding industrializing countries of the Far East.

The Dutch group is also recovering from diversification it started in the 1970s from its traditional milk-based products

promise of shorter hours By David Felton Labour Reporter The threat of industrial action in the chemical industry next week was averted last night when employers and union negotiators reached agreement on a shorter working week in

workers win

two years' time. The unions had threatened to institute a national overtime ban if the employers refused to guarantee a reduction in working time, which was one of the issues outstanding from

last year's pay settlement covering the industry's 60,000 process workers.

Under the agreement last night a 56 hour week, a reduction of two hours, will be introduced in May, 1983. In the meantime process workers will receive an extra day's holiday this year and a further day next year on top of the four weeks boliday they receive at

ment on the employers previ-ous position which was to offer

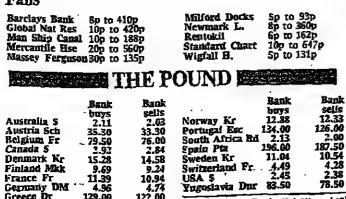
tain to be accepted.

In another development, union officials and shop stewards from the CMWU and other unions are to meet Fisons man-

dancy programme.

Mr Warburton said his union's threat of official action against the company if it continued its refusal to negotiate on the redundancy programme still stood.
ASTMS argues that investi

PRICE CHANGES



UK seeks. amendment on liability

Britain is seeking support of other European Community countries for early amendment of the EEC Commission's product liability directive to clarify development risks for industry, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, the British Consumer Affairs Minister said in an interview at

Britain seeks an amendment to the draft directive to remove continued uncertainty about industry's responsibility for injury or death by faulty pro-ducts, which the makers could not know about at the time of development.

The absence of this amend-ment could inhibit innovation and raise the cost of insurance cover for industry, Mrs Oppen-

New York surplus

New York City is likely to have a budget surplus of \$200m (about 583m) in the fiscal fiscal year ending June 30, because of higher than expected revenues. Mr Harrison Goldin. the Comptroller said. He predicted a surplus of around \$23m for fiscal 1982.

Energy survey call

The United States should take very prudent and practs. cal step" of conducting a survey of national energy resources, Mr John R. Grey, the president of Standard Oil of California said in Eakers-field. A limited survey of uranium reserves is already

Elf halts exploration

The French state-owned Elf Aquitaine oil company has decided to postpone indefin-itely operations in creas cov-ered by five oil exploration permits granted recently by Libya.

Aircraft study

CAAC, the Chinese national airline is undertaking a study of foreign aircraft with the aim of buying one or two types for use on domestic and inter-national routes, Mr Shen Tu. the CAAC director-General said,

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Americans will benefit from expertise of European subsidiaries

US poses latest threat to car industry By the mid-1980s, the main threat to the sing wages faster than productivity and the United Kingdom market of the \$\frac{121,000}{231,000}\$

European car industry would come not from the Japanese but from American manufacturers, Dr Walter Hasselkus, man-aging director of Germany's BMW British subsidiary said in London yesterday.

"American manufacture:s have fallen behind both European and Japanese car.

makers in technical development and man-ufacturing processes. Now they are using the expertise of their European subsidthe expertise of their European subsidiaries and, in the next few years, both Ford and General Motors will benefit from the development work carried out by the engineers of their European subsidiaries, he said.

he said.

When this was added to the estimated f1.200m being invested by the American car industry in the next few years "the European industry will be faced with a much greater challenge than that ever posed by the Japanese".

The challenge had to be faced in both Britain and West Germany by not increa-

By the mid-1980s, the main threat to the sing wages faster than productivity and urapean car industry would come not by not lessening productivity through

West Germany's metal workers' unton was seeking wage increases of eight per cent, which was these per cent more than the rate of inflation, a problem that was also occurring in the United Kingdom. The effective working week in Garmany was 31.5 hours compared with 35 hours in the United States and 39 hours in

Despite a generally accepted forecast that the United Kingdom new car market ould fall by about 6 per cent this year compared ith 1980 to about 1.42 million units, BMW, like other European importers, was hoping to increase its market share. It expected to sell 15,000 cars in the United Kingdom this year, a 12 per cent

A group of British motorists still deman-ded high quality cars and the company had been forced to double production for

735i special equipment saloon model.

BMW motor cycle sales in the United Kingdom were expected to increase by 32 per cent during 1931 to 3,399 machines and the United Kingdom was expected to become the second largest export market after the United States.

Dr. Hasselkus criticized price-cutting

undertaken by some car manufacturers in the United Kingdom market. "If all imported car makers cut their prices in relation to the strength of sterling, this

would seriously damage the competitiveness of British manufacturers.

"This is a dangerous path to follow, as Europe needs a British motor industry and an artack on it is an attack on the British accounty." he stild. British economy", he said.

BMW car prices rose by an average of 1.5 per cent last year and he did not foresee any further increases in 1981.

Edward Townsend

MPs hope for grant aid to modernize Vauxhall

Vauxhall yesterday announced nearly 3,000 redundancies at the plant, saying they were necessary to protect its long-term future.

The MPs. Mr David Hunt, (Wirral, Conservative); Mr Barry Porter (Bebbington and Ellesmere Port, Conservatives); Mrs Lyoda Chalker (Wallasey, Conservatives) and Mr Fronk Field (Birkenhead, Labour) said yesterday they had been told unofficially that the Government would be prepared to look favourably on any application for grants modernize the factory.

urgent talks today with top day's announcement as appallvauxhall management to press for large investment—with possible government aid—at possible government aid—at chart Ellesmere Port may be dayingraded to an assembly their Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, plant with a less skilled work-

Overall Vauxhall want to shed 5,700 jobs by voluntary redundancies and early retirement at their Ellesmere Port, Luton and Dunstable plants. Apart from government grants, Mr Hunt said loans could be available from the European Investment Bank at

favourable interest rates. He claimed the adjoining Bowater paper mill, which closed in November with the loss of 1,600 jobs, had been effered about £34m in similar grants and loans,

Mr Hunt said the MPs wanted to discuss a constructive alter-

hall has already announced a long-term policy to use British car factories to assemble parts made on the Continent.

At present, the 9,000 workers at Ellesmere Port produce the successful Chevette, making most of the main parts as well as assembling the cars. Yesterday the company announced that by the end of the year the new Astra model would be assembled at the fac-

tory from German parts. Today, shop stewards were meeting to discuss the redun-dancy plan. Mr Cliff Keech, Wirral district secretary for the engineering union, who has Port, said it was too early to say what the response of the workforce would be.

have drawn up a "common policy" towards the job losses by the time the company's joint negotiating committee meets next Thursday.

Talbot future: Mr George Turnbull, chairman of Talbot UK, told government ministers yesterday that no decisions had been made by the company or its parent, PSA Peugeot Citroen of France, about the nature of scale of its future activities in the United Kingdom, Edward Townsend writes.

The meeting, artended by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of
State for Industry, Mr Norman
Tebbic, Minister of State for
Industry and Mr George
Younger, Secretary of State for
Scotland, followed considerable speculation in recent months about Peugeor's intentions for the United Kingdom operation.

He expected the unions to

until the funding issue had been resolved, plans for new training courses would be suspended. The centre-founded in 1974 by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith

Joseph, Secretary of State for unnecessary paperwork, fiendishly complice cannot be measured,

priority to be given to efforts disabled.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr Steel's plan for economic recovery

From Mr Michael Meacher, MP jor Oldham West (Labour) Sir. The trouble with Mr Steel's plan for economic recovery is that, isced with the central divide in British economic policy between reducing un-employment or reducing inflation, he succeeds remarkably in offering the worst of both

The fundamental question is whether he is proposing a significant reflation of the economy or not li be isn't (and it must be extremely doubtful whether his recipe of a modest expan-sion of PSBR plus a cut in MLR would be anywhere near adequate to bring unemployment below one million within, say, five years, where does the recovery come from, and how would be stop unemployment going even higher? If he is, how would be avoid such a signifi-cant reflation being choked off by either of the two factors that have prevented sustained expansion in the past, namely a huge sucking in of imports leading to a massive trade crisis and stopgo-stop, and/or the revival of unacceptably high rates of in-flation (for why should his long-term incomes policy succeed when all others have failed in

the past?)
On the trade question, a sustained expansion of the British economy, and the sustained increase in manufacturing investment needed to underpin it, will only be secured by regulating broadly that the House of C growth in manufactured imports January 14.

Sir, Most chartered engineers

would agree with Rowland Morgan (Letters, January 13) that the new registering body should be modelled on the General Medical Council's con-

stitution, namely a majority of directly elected members, a minority nominated and a few appointees of the Privy Council. This view was corroborated by

the NOP poll of IEE members in 1979, which was referred to

The 92 per cent quoted in favour were asked the follow-

ing question: "Do you think that it would be a good or had idea for such a (registering)

authority (like the GMC) to exist in the United Kingdom

for your particular profes-sion? "Mr Arthur Palmer has

interpreted the 92 per cent good idea "voters to support

tandory regulation, whereas I

by Derek Harris on January

does not increase faster than the growth of the domestic economy. This should certainly not lead to retaliation abroad when the present policy of, effectively, import controls vis high and rising unemployment is reducing our market for foreign goods much more. On the inflation issue, a fun-

damental cause of this growing problem over the last two decades has been that when in the past governments of both parties have stimulated the economy, using a variety of tax reduction and increased public expenditure measures, industry has failed to respond by increas-ing production and investment to a similar degree because of their (not unjustified) fears that the boom will be shortlived and that most of the extra demand will benefit imports, not home production. This gap between the increase in money in people's pockets and the little or no increase in produc-tion is then filled by inflation. It should be precisely the role of agreements made with the largest companies to secure a co-ordinated expansion of the supply/production side of the economy to match the Key-nesian expansion on the

It is this essential key to growth that at the same time orfers the hope of steadily re-ducing inflation, which Mr Steel's proposals fatally lack. MICHAEL MEACHER

his report on January 10 I doubt whether chartered engi-

neers would agree, by the two-

sent registering body, CEL handing over the title "chartered engineer" to a 100 per

cent ministerially appointed quango, of which they would not be members and over which

they would have no control. They would be unwilling to pay

annual subscriptions to the new body to make it self-financing unless they could see that it

would be accountable to them

through their elected represen-

If the above views are right, the new body as proposed would

fail on both counts. Sir Keith Joseph would be unwise to

make any move to found the

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Registration of engineers

Christmas and efficient production From Mr J. N. Bryant

Sir What a lot of nonsense is said and written about the two-week Christmas vacation which is now the norm.

When employees' holidays amounted to two weeks a year these were naturally taken in the summer, but over the last few years large increases have taken place in annual holiday entitlement and as far as many organizations, are concerned in is far more productive to take some of this at Christmas and days that occur between Christmas Eve and January 2 with part of this allocation.

This, surely, must be more efficient than all the holiday being taken in the holiday being taken in the summer followed by a stop-go Christmas and New Year's holiday. In addition, of course, the energy consumed is considerably less as the large industrial buildings are generally not buildings are generally not heated during two of the col-der weeks of the year. Yours faithfully,

J. N. BRYANT. Managing Director, Brymor Limited, Tonbridge Road East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 SJN. lanuary 9.

Will jobs ever be found for

the unemployed? From D. G. Galvin

Sir. We are constantly being told by various business and thirds majority required in a general meeting, to their pre-sent registering body, CEL financial organizations that the unemployment figures in Britain will pass the 23 million mark in the first half of 1981—probably nudging 3 million by the end of the year.

On the other hand equally erudite experts envisage that the silicon chips revolution will in due course do away with a large number of manual jobs in factories, offices and shops. How, then, will very many of the 21 to 3 million unemployed ever return to their former manual modes of work? Will they be indefinitely suspended in a state of enforced "leisure" subsidized by the state Yours faithfully,

D. G. GALVIN, Trewartha, Germoe Crossroads, Near Praa Sands, Penzance. Cornwall.

Commerce chamber joins

The Revenue's consultative paper, published in November, proposed to reduce company tax

The chamber argues that to apply the credit restriction only in cases where stocks are more than film is "arbitrary". Evidence is growing, it says, that the method indicated in the consultative paper will "cou-siderably" reduce relief avail-

uble to manufacturers.

press on with a more thorough review of taxation based on inflation-proofed accounts, and

It adds: "It is therefore essential for the Government to financial year.

Study centre says training boards should be abolished

By Our Industrial Staff Industrial training boards (ITB) are the subject for scathing criticism in a new report by the right wing Centre for Policy Studies. The boards, it says, are a waste of public money and all. 23 of them should be abolished.

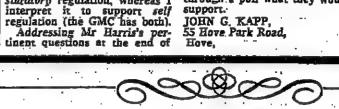
The report concludes that the boards have now fulfilled the purpose for which they were conceived. "Their continued existence is a waste of scarce-resources, a drain on the finances of industry, and a totally unnecessary claim on public funds. The only people who now benefit from TRs are who now benefit from ITBs are those who work in them."

The report comes after a gov-

ernment decision to reduce state funds given to the boards to cover operating costs. Earlier this week the Engineering In-dustry Training Board said that

Industry—says that the training boards cost more than £93m in Exchequer support in 1978-79. The system is wasteful, causes "fiendishly" complicated, affects small companies adversely, and has results that The author's call for greater

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to produce the Green Paper as soon as possible. The chamber welcomes a pro-

posal which would remove the danger of a clawback of tax relief granted in earlier years us companies stocks fall, but it suys that a case can be made for no clawback at all, even on cessation of a business.

At the least, it argues, there should be no clawback of relief if a business ceases operations. in one trade and starts another. It suggests also that when a trader suffers an abnormal fall in stocks for reasons outside his control, he should have the opportunity to claim relief based on stocks held over the

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

UDT comes under offer

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That is taking out of the picture UDT's own proposals to merge its United Kingdom consumer credit side with the Trustee Saving Banks. Should that deal go through UDT could look forward to profits of some £15m.

This is one reason why the offer of 55p, a shade over assets value—but well above the 42p in the market—is not over-generous. but because of the dilution, it is difficult to see L & S going very much higher.

For UDT, however, the prospects are not all that glum if it goes shead with the TSB deal. So while UDT is keeping its powder dry and says nothing, it is likely to resist the bid.

On a longer view the logic of a merger with Lloyds & Scottish become more apparent. UDT's non-consumer credit activiincluding the International Commodities Clearing House, car leasing and industrial interests, would provide a strong counter-cyclical influence to consumer

Moreover, geographically, L & S's strength in the North and Scotland would fit in well with UDT's good spread in the South. Together the joint group would be up with the big groups as number three among finance houses behind Mercantile but in line with Forward Trust. Meanwhile UDT shareholders should not rush to sell in the market. Any outcome will eventually, be decided by Eagle Star and the Prudential which together own 37 per cent of UDT.

Grand Metropolitan

Liggett starts to contribute

Grand Metropolitan's results package-an 11.8 per cent increase in profits to £152m, a 154 per cent increase in the dividend and property revaluation producing a book surplus of around £550m-saw the share price up by 8p to 145p yesterday.

The impetus of course has come from its acquisition of the United States Liggert Group last year which has contributed £22.4m in four months before financing charges which in turn are largely responsible for a £17 m increase in group interest charges to £61m.

Nevertheless, Grand Mer's balance sheet remains strong with the revaluation surplus bringing gearing down to 46 per cent even after allowing for the net borrowings of around \$475m taken on to finance the Liggett purchase.

The intriguing point about the current rear is not only that Liggert will contribute fully (and it is obviously performing up to expectations) but also the extent to which Grand Met could benefit during a period when interest charges on both sides of the Atlantic are coming down and, with luck, when the sterling rate (a major deflationary factor on last year's profits, particularly in the hotels and wines and spirks divisions)

should start to ease. With 40 per cent of earnings now made overseas, the impact would be considerable. And even at home Grand Met appears better able than some to cope with the stresses of the recession; the overall per-formance from the rump of the business was flat in the second half but nevertheless areas like brewing, where others are suf-fering from excess capacity at a time of weakening demand, seem to be standing up

well suggesting increases in market share. Grand Met now yields 61 per cent on a dividend that would still be covered twice under current cost accounting. Clearly—as the abortive attempt to buy Coral demon-strated—it does not feel restricted by the

Official Government recognition that the public sector borrowing requirement will now overshoot last November's revised estimate (of £11,500m) did no good for an

The EEC Commission is setting new standards in planned obsolescence. Today it produced its latest directory* containing

names of the Commission mem-bers and the leading officials in

its 20 different directorates

The only trouble is that the information relates to the position as it was in October, 1980, and therefore takes no account

of the fact that a new Commission has been in office since

the beginning of this year. The reason for this monu-mental waste of public money

seems to be none other than bureaucratic routine. The Com-

general.

will now stabilize sufficiently for them to get their funding moving again.

On the plus side the latest Treasury forecasts seem to be painting a much brighter picture than commonly expected on the PSBR prospects last year; sterling remains extremely firm, pushing up to a new five-year " high " against the Deveschemark yesterday; and institutional coffers should be replenished by large interest payments over the rest of the month.

But just how much investors are currently repared to take on trust is another matter. The PSBR forecasts are clearly dependent on the line being tightly held on public sector pay, while the market would clearly like the additional reassurance from the January banking figures that the trend in the growth of bank lending to the private sector really is continuing on a downward

BET

Slowing

British Electric Traction's curt statement that the normally stronger second half would not be much different from the first, sent the shares down 5p to 119p.

Interim pretax profits were down from £30.4m to £28.0m and BET is implying a full-year outturn of about £56m-a drop of around one-fifth. The construction-related activities have been among the worst hit by the recession, while profits from publishing

have also been under pressure.

However, the group's associated companies provided a timely boost. Thames Television, hit the previous year by the TV strike rebounded from loss to profit and this along with a higher contribution from Initial Services explains doubled profits from associated companies of £4.7m.

Otherwise it has been a story of deepening recession stemming progress and although borrowings did not rise during the half-year, interest charges were up from £7.9m to £12.2m excluding North Sea financing.

A higher tax charge because of further losses on Hongkong television left earnings down by nearly one third despite the smaller fall pretax. However, a maintained final dividend, in line with the interim, looks likely. A 9.1 per cent yield is good support for the shares until BET resumes its onward march and further ahead in 1983 there is a prospect of cash flow from the Maureen Field in the North Sea, where the group has

S. & W. Berisford

A return to growth

After a slowdown in 1979, S & W Berisford, the commodity trader with ambition to buy British Sugar Corp., recovered its remark able growth momentum last year. Profits increased by 12 per cent to £35.1m. while turnover rose in line by 13 per cent to

Interest charges—up 13 per cent at £11.8m—might have been less if the company year had not ended on September 30, and if if bad benefited for more than two months from the £28.5m rights issue, Even so, second half charges were about

fim less than in the first half.

Berisford now proposes a one-for-two scrip issue, a move which together with a necessary increase in authorized capital may be interpreted as preparing the way for a bid for Eritish Sugar should the Monopolies Commission allow it.

The crucial issue in any bid's success, however, must be how the market and

shareholders see Berisford's performance this year. Although cocoa prices are historically low, the company's position as the world's biggest cocoa trader must stand it in good stead, and it seems set to increase business with the Ivory Coast.
Other interests such as the metals and

food processing subsidiaries could probably make a larger contribution. Profits of around £42m seem possible. Certainly the market took a kind view, the shares gained uncertain gilt-edged market vesterday. But the authorities must clearly be hoping that having pushed out the bad news, the market the total dividend to 13.9p gross.

Tax options for the next Budget

There has been a great deal of talk

lately about the balance between

different sections of the economy and it

is this which may be the prime

target of the Chancellor's measures

We know now just when the Chancellor of the Exchaquer will present his Budget—March 10-but we do not yet know what he will say in it. Nor, reasonably enough, does he.

The period of purdah in which Chancellors work out their budgetary plans is only just beginning. But, even without leaks, it ought to be possible to make some intelligent esti-mates of the likely shape of the Budget, particularly since we have had part of it already in the form of the November 24 statement.

It now looks unlikely that larly hard-pressed on average there is much to come in the way of further overall tax inincome saved went up quite
creases. The extra revenue to
be raised by the measures
to about 17 per cent, which is
announced in November is predicted to bring the level of years.
government bergmand down dicted to bring the level of government borrowing down to about £10,000m in the next of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for which many of the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for the personal sector has been paid for at the expense of the companies for the personal sector has been paid for at the perso

Unless the outlook changes greatly, that implies that the Government will need to raise a maximum of about £1,000m to get borrowing down to a figure which sounds consistent with the medium-term strategy. There may even be a case for no increase at all. So, in that sense, the predictions of a tough Budget which some people were making before Christmas are wide of the mark. But the fact that the overall tax burden will, if this analysis is right, go up only slightly does not mean that we will all get off scot free.

There has been a great deal of talk lately about the balance of talk latery about the balance between different sectors of the economy and it is this which may be the prime target of the Chancellor's measures. Put simply, we can look on the domestic part of the economy as being divided into three sectors—the personal sector, the public sector and the corporate sector.

As figures published last week showed, judividuals did well for themselves cut in the surcharge will be 1980. Living standards made, either across the board in the third quarter of the year or

were up by 2 per cent on a selectively. Some industries are experiencing special problems at present, particularly because of the effect of the high year previously. Another sign that people were not particuexchange rate. was that the proportion of

It would make sense to give them special help by cutting the surcharge either in certain industries or in certain regions. In political terms, linking any cut to depressed regions has obvious attractions; it would slow down the rise in unemployment in those places where the them in it work. Gross profits are down sharply, reflecting the fact that companies have faced falling demand and higher problems are worst. But, on economic grounds, there is a strong case for basing any selec-tivity on giving help to those industries worst hit by current costs, especially wage costs. problems.
In practice, that means manu-So the likely thing for the Chancellor to do is to try to

In practice, that means manufacturing industry, which has been hard hit by the rise in the pound. Since this in turn has been caused by a combination of North Sea oil and high interest rates — two factors which together have led to high profits for the banks and oil companies — there would be some neatness in financing concessions to manufacturing out The most popular thing he could do, as far as industry is concerned, is to cut the special cessions to manufacturing out of revenue raised from the banks and oil companies

There has been a partial step down that road already with the announcement of higher taxes on the oil companies. What about the prospect of extra taxes on banks?

That is perhaps the most open question of all. The case for doing it is that banks have gained windfall profits as a result of the high innerest rates needed to implement the Gov-

used them to finance absurdly high pay increases which stir up a sense of injustice else-It tous makes sense to recycle

these profits back to the manufacturing industry which provided them in the first place.

The case against this is that the banks, under the guidance of the Bank of England, have realizes to prop up companies in trouble. Once account is taken of the need to make pro-vision for bad debts, their profits are no longer remark-able and taxing them would in any case risk bringing down the whole structure. Without advising anyone to place a bet on it, the balance may swing at the end against entra

As well as cuts in the national insurance surcharge we are likely to see other attempts to help industry which will cost money. Some concessions will emerge from the joint working party on energy prices, which will cut down the Government's take from the energy industry. Sir Keith Joseph is turning out to be a high spender at the Department of Industry, just as he was in his days at Health and Social Security. The bill-for companies such as Rolls-Royce and BL looks likely to be

Where will the money come from for all this, given that the Government certainly cannot afford to bring in a Budget which actually increases the ernment's monetary policy. level of borrowing? The obvious dual will go up. All They have done nothing to de-increases in duties on drink, savings put aside last year serve these profits and have tobacco and petrol look likely come in bandy after all.

go shead-indeed, they have been assumed in drawing up the forecast of £10,000m-il policies are unchanged. By announcing his Budget before the start of the financial year, the Chancellor will get more than usual from this source.

But the other obvious area remains income tax, though the standard rate of 30 per cent has heed sacrosanci.

The Chancellor does not like the way in which indexation has spread in the economy and there is a strong probability that increases will not go ahead fully in line with inflation. Indexarion under the "Rooker-Wice" provisions costs the Wise provisions costs: the Covernment about £2,500m. If ellowances went up by only it per cent, instead of the 15 per cent required under automatic indexation, the Government

could save more than £800m, This is en increase in income tax, but it is a concealed one, just as the increase in employees' insurance contributions is such the same as a tax rise. So the real burden of income tex will rise next year to pay for help to industry and to keep down the level of government

borrowing.

This shifting of the burden of taxation makes sense, but it will rot on its own generate a recovery. For that to happen the Government will have to pump an everall increase in remand into the economy or trust to the hope that thing-

own accord.
And when in March the Budger is greeted by a general sanse that it is less tough than expected, remember that part of the reason for that is that we

c: the reason for that is that we have had part of the Budgit already in November.

The year just gone saw a funcy kind of beom for the personal sector, during which wages run shead of prices to push up living standards. In 1981 wages are expected to rise more slowly than prices and the more slowly than prices and the real burden of tax on the indiskdual will go up. All those savings put aside last year could

Why the Germans invest in sure-fire losers

Frankfurt West Germany's "grey" capital market has had its best-

In 1980 tens of thousands of prosperous citizens poured an estimated 3,600m to 4,000m Deutsche marks (£780m-Deutsche marks (£780m-£870m) into a host of more or less exotic projects at home

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The grey capital market has been used to finance a film, a private rocket launching company in Zaire, transport facilities in Tonga and block upon block of holiday apartments in almost every area of the world. almost every area of the world that has ever claimed to be a tourists' paradise.

the assorted doctors, dentists and company directors thought first of the preconditions of box office success, the economics of rocketry or the transportation requirements of the "Friendly Isles" when signing their cheques. For the first essential of investments on the grey capital market is that they should offer losses.

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For a modest investment of a few thousand pounds the individual can reduce his or her income tax bill to zero and

the year, a shock wave was sent through this rapidly grow-ing part of the German finan-cial world. Herr Jochem Erle-mann, one of the more flamboyant operators on the grey capital market, was arrested on suspicion of embezzling invest-ors' funds.

shift some money back from individuals to the company sec-

tor by increasing the tax burden on the personal sector and cutting it on companies.

which employers have to pay.

This has been pressed very hard by the Confederation of British

Industry, but the cost of over

13,000m makes it probably too large a concession to give in a

The Chancellor has, in any case, a personal aversion to the

idea on the grounds that it would reduce resistance to wage

claims and would benefit the
just and the unjust alike.
There still remains at least
a sporting chance that some
cut in the surcharge will be

Herr Erlemann, who was arrested in Cologne; has been accused by the Darmstadt state prosecutor of having embezzled DM1.9m as a member of the supervisory board of Contruck Industrie-Güter. Investigations are also being made into two other companies called Normbetrieb Prefab Constructions-Element and Petro-Gas Indus-

These three companies had assembled more than DM200m as capital from investors in West Germany. The prosecu-tor's office is now involved in what is likely to be a lengthy investigation to find out what happened to the money.

For investors the three com-

punies had the attraction of offering high initial losses. In such a company the investor would be given a certificate stating that write-offs had been made in respect of his share in the company that exceeded his investment and this "loss," could be set against his other income for tax purposes.

The specific objectives for which the three companies had

been founded were somewhat out of the ordinary. Contrack was established to rent out bot-tled gas in Lebanon. Normbetrieb's purpose was to build prefabricated houses in Saudi a few thousand pounds the prefabricated houses in Saudi individual can reduce his or Arabia and install the necess-her income tax bill to zero and one day even have a share of some project that might be of value.

But last mouth, the high season for such tax saving schemes ahead of the end of for the three companies are

not only comtemplating its pos-gium or Italy the prosperous the West German Government sible loss but could also face professional man might be in but so far attempts to limit the hefty demands from the West clined to defraud the tax auth- scope of their activities has man's business activities are by the authorities.

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West German investor and the in apartment blocks along the state of the country's financial not so warm North German markets. German press reports coast or in distant South naming a Bonn politician and American grazing land, the chief executive of one of In contrast, investors have the country's biggest engineer itably prompted people to ask what it is that makes people so

-apparently willing to invest in such enterprises. Strangely endugh, one answer may be the generally

proved to be fraudulent the A second point is the German authorities will no absence of any other attractive German authorities will no absence of any other attractive longer have any reason to haven for risk capital. The recognize as valid the tax, people who trusted Herr Erle-losses claimed by the investors.

The episode has inevitably thrown up a number of questions about the habits of the arded through risking money that the control of the arded through risking money.

little to show from investment ing groups among the victims in shares. Last year was of the alleged fraud have inevented disappointing period for German stock exchanges. In general, companies that are

doing well refuse to raise their dividends, while there is less hestitation to cut payments when conditions deteriorate. high level of tax morality is The activities of the tax sauthe country. Whereas in Beling companies are a worry for The activities of the tax sav-

German tax authorities for orities, most Germans seek to not prevented the growth of repayment of the tax losses pay as little tax as possible the sector as a whole as entrederelop models" to circumvent the regulations.
The obvious willingness of

investors to provide risk capital in the hope of reward is prompting some commenta tors to suggest that the Govern-ment and banks should act to , vestment medium once again. The French Government has provided an example close at hand of how to stimulate popmar interest in equities.

At a time of recession, such a policy would help to ensure Germany's prospering profes-sional classes found their way into productive investment rather then chasing promises that could prove to be worthless as well as loss making.

Peter Norman

Technology

Venturing out of the ivory tower

expertise and finance to assist the transfer of technology from academic institutions to in-dustrial companies." The offer is made by the corporation in its booklet NRDC and the academic researcher, but how effectively is the technology transferred?

The accusation that good science in Britain's universities tends not to emerge in the shape of good products in the world outside has been a familiar one over many years. That accusation is less true now than it has been in the past. On the evidence of a con-ference on industrial innova-

Indeed, a fair number of their brainchildren do emerge and are marketed successfully—some with NRDC help and some without. Cephalosporin antibiotics, which originated in research at Oxford University and Medical Research Council

laboratories, continue to be the corporation's biggest single revenue-earner; and the number of inventions communicated to the NRDC by university researchers continues at the healthy annual level of more than 400 (out of a total of about

the academic world, the cor-poration is there to help in the exploitation of inventions from universities and polytechnics. This is one of its statutory functions. In parallel, there are several other routes out of the ivory tower and into the

histories were recounted at the was held by the NRDC at Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST). Two of these examples did not in fact in volve the corporation, but served to illuminate some

"The National Research De-measurements from a television, in advance of the then avail-velopment Corporation offers microscope for X-ray image, able commercial products, expertise and finance to assist Development of the Magiscan Patents were taken out and an was a joint development by the university and the Joyce-Loeb' company, arising from a com-pany salesman's visit, a university suggestion for an improved product and an agreement for joint development.
The company paid the salary

of one university engineer and seconded one of its own staff later to return to the company as project manager) for the two-year development phase. The university provided facilities and ideas

and ideas.

Backing from the Wolfson Foundation beloed at a later stage, while the Vickers takeover of Joyce-Loebl almost caused the entire project to be dropped. Despite legal difficulties, the project survived and a Mark 2 version of the Magistan appeared last month.

following factors: a competitive product was produced in a short time by doing development and production engineering in parallel; total expenditure was minimized by making the best use of the respective facilities; good communications were ensured by the seconded company man ("He poured oil on storms in teafollowing factors: a competipoured oil on storms in tea- very expensive and more cups"); there was continuous industrial muscle was needed. cups"); there was continuous

not believe that the corporation could have assisted materially in facilitating the initial company/university contact, but agreed that NRDC finance at a later stage might have been appropriate if the Wolfson support had not been

forthcoming. Professor Michael Hampshire, professor of solid-state electronics at Salford University, described the creation of two subsidiaries of a local company which were based on university technology.

The first was a spin-off from university work (part-supported by the NRDC) on vibrating devices known as piezo ceramic horns. An acoustic device for a student project led to a range of audible slarms which were greatly

industrial partner was sought.

Here again, it could have been appropriate for the NRDC to assist at this stage, but this role was handled in the event by the university's own industrial unit. Ward & Goldstone of Salford took up the join the company and became general manager of a new sub-sidiary, Pensec, which has been selling the alarms and devep-

affect the electrical wiring harnesses of motor cars and following his advice, suggested inventing a microelectronic equivalent. Professor Hamp the Magiscan appeared last shire tame up with a micro-month. electronic system which he Professor Pullen noted the called Salplex (from Salford Multiplex) and which he

subsidiary and is now pursuing the next stage of development. Professor Hampshire also stressed the value of close links. between the university and the company. In this case the links included the professor's acting as technical adviser to Ward & Goldstone. He urged his fellow academics to think commercially and develop new products,

discipline is neither buzzers nor car electronics"). their own industrial units and consultancy companies. Only this week a new industrial liaison company was announced .

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The Commission presidency according to this document, still filled by Roy Jenkins. The social affairs commissioner is named as Henk Vredeling and results came through

Belgium's pigeon fanciers are to the cost of living, the Martens facing up bravely to the ungovernment's plan is to increase pleasant fact that Wilfried the tax on pigeon rings to five Martens, the Prima Minister, is francs (6.5p) this year and 10 striking out everywhere in his francs next—from only 1.10 francs formers. attempt to improve the finances of his chronically indebted

person who acquires it.

" If I said anything like that, it would only encourage them to be thinking of something else", he said, adding glumly: I should have made it clear these people do not have to have a cheque card to get their hands on the proceeds. They are quite capable of knocking up cards of their own if neces-

least be complimented on the discretion with which they took this security step. The profes-sional fraudsmen may have known all about it long ago, but vesterday the Banking Informa-tion Service confessed that they had never heard of it. Nor had Westminster's com-

Such an adjustment might appear unduly harsh, but it has provoked hardly a flutter of the Economist Irritation Unit if the Economist Irritation Unit if the Economist Irritation Unit if it publishes many more reports like No 92, the latest from the water on matters monetary, where compare traditionally. • The Economist Intelligence Unit will have to rename itself the Economist Irritation Unit if

Manager in Western Rurope", (EIU, £40), the report is undoubtedly full of intelligence, but it also replete with wasvisbuess.

"is the most insanely complex of any country in Western Europe

The British, he concludes in a review of five European nations, alone in the world conceive of tax as a moral question. He notes that scarcely a voice was raised in support of Enoch Powell after his Morecambe speech in which he advocated the halving of

languages and while in English lay guides to not paying the Inland Revenue too much are given sedate titles like "Income Tax Guide", a comparable work in Belgium is called Ne Payez rien de trop au fisc! and in France La défense de

allowances properly: if they do not, and pay too much tax, then it is just too bad.

It is the first sailing craft to be exhibited in Britain which bears the famous name of But Harry Kalverboer,

Business Diary: Who's not who • Brass tax

Tucked away at the back

rather than price and does not expect to sell more than five or ten boats a year in Britain.

A chap I know is still sensitive about being disorced so soon and so expensively after his marriage. He told me yesterday that he demorred at an invita-tion to be best man recently on the ground that a man should not play a star role in some body else's marriage when he had but a cameo role in his

tion from university research held last week in Manchester, inside a fair number of profes-sors of science and technology there are keen entrepreneurs struggling to get out.

marketplace.

A number of interesting case

at the University of Kent at Canterbury, Kenneth Owen

mission produces a new direc-tory every six months and when the time came to draw upthe present edition in October of last year, nobody stopped to consider that it would be out of date by the time of publica-

not Ivor Richard as at present.
The energy portfolio is apparently in the hands of Guido Brunner, who was known to be leaving Brussels as soon as the West German election results came through. The directory is hardly a good advertisement for Commission efficiency. Nor is it very informative. At the very least, it might have provided the telephone extension numbers of the people listed, so that the reader and its reader and its

that the reader could get in

touch with those people who are still in Brussels.

Directory of the Commission

of the European Communities, published by the Office for

Official Publications of the European Communities.

While government plans for wage restraint and higher social security contributions may have captured newspaper headlines. the country's racing pigeon enthusiasts are facing a 455 per cent increase this year in the taxation of their hobby.

For the first time in nearly 50 years the tax levied on the rings worn by racing pigeons is was 1 going up. While most price in-creases in Belgium are linked well.

• As a security measure the National Westminster Bank is suggesting to its customers that they should use smaller cheque books. Customers who ask for books containing 50 cheques now receive a polite letter pointing out that "there is a marked increase in the number of cheque books which are

being reported stolen or lost and on many occasions these cheque books are finding their way into the hands of professional fraudsmen.

While unwilling to put any figure to the bank's losses, National Westminster's spokes-man explained: "Most cheque books that are lost or stolen go with a cheque card. At £50 per cheque, a book of 25 cheques is worth £1,250 to a dishonest

where owners traditionally gather in smoke-filled rooms to discuss the future of their sport, there is in fact a general sense of relief. This is because, as a result of some persistent lobbying, the Martens government was persuaded to drop plans to levy taxes on racing bets as

cheque book of 50 is worth £2,500. It is as simple as that?" He would not say that there had been any material improve-ment since the move to encourage the use of smaller cheque books started last July.

National Westminster can at

David Phillips.
Entitled "Tax Savings for the Expatriate Executive and

The British, thought of 25 pragmatic and commonsensical ", display neither in tax legislation, which Phillips says

income tax.

The pussylooting distinction between tax "avoidance" and "evision" is not made in other

vos interets.
Yet it is a one-sided morality, for as Phillips points out, the tax man says it is up to tax-payers to claim their correct

Dutchman who is Yamaha's marine division manager in Europe, tells me that the company has no intention of flooding the European market with cheap mass-produced yachts. It

it lifted out again.

Ross Davies

of the Earls Court Boat Show is something that might cause a shudder of apprehension among Britzin's boatbuilders.

Although sailing has become popular in Japan, its growth is limited by the strength of the fishermen's lobby which objects vociferously, and usually successfully to any new proposed. cessfully, to any new proposed marina. Such is the shortage of berths that, at the so called Tokyo marina, bosts are parked on store at an annual rent of about £2,000; it costs £10 to have the vessel lifted into the water and another £10 to have

As the NRDC is now telling

served to illuminate some sound basic principles.

Professor Brian Pullen, of Manchester University's medical biophysics department, described the Magiscan image analyser, a computer-based machine which can give detailed

ing new ones. Ward & Goldstone then asked Professor Hampshire how microelectronics was likely to

cups"); there was continuous industrial muscle was needed, there was a viable unit in the university for helping industry.

This is a good example of the kind of rapid transfer of technology that the NRDC likes to see. Professor Pullen did the next stage of development.

which Britain desperately peeded. It was not necessary, he suggested, to stick to one's own discipline (" My research. Many universities have set up

Stock markets

Spending fears bring heavy selling of gilts

As a result, beavy selling of gilts resumed yesterday, after overnight weakness, with prices generally closing at their low for the day. Even the money supply figures, which were as expected, with a 0.5 per cent increase, failed to lighten the

In longs, initial falls of f? In longs, initial falls of £3 were extended to £3 despite attempts of a rally after hours. At the shorter end of the market, falls were restricted to around £3 in fairly light trade, although buyers did come in for the Treasury 15 per cent. 1985, unchanged at £1055, ahead of going ex div today.

Lioyus & Scottish refrected to following the 55p-a-share offer, but Lloyds & Scottish retreated 4p to 142p.

An inquiry is expected into dealings as a result of heavy activity in the shares ahead of the announcement.

Also in financials, London linited Investments expanded

of going ex div today.

Meanwhile, the firmer trend continued in equities as bear closing produced a small technical rally and put a brake on the weakness which has been the minimum the mean t the main feature of this account. Oils also displayed a firmer appearance, but elec-tricals faded after attempts at a rally earlier in the day. Nevertheless, dealers still remain worried by the continual gloomy economic and industrial news which has successfully deterred investors and pulled share values steadily lower. But the thin conditions which

prevailed were partly responsi-ble for the rise in the FT Index of 2.5 to 448.5. Leading industrials fluctuated in relatively parrow limits for most of the day and by the close displayed a mixed appear-

Giaxo, 2p to 248p, and Dunlop, 1p to 53p, But falls were win-nessed in ICI, down 2p at 296p, nessed in ICI, down 2p at 250p.
Unilever, 3p to 438p, and Blue
Circle Industries, 4p to 326p.
Business after hours saw
details of a £59m bid for
United Dominions Trust from
the other big finance group. Lloyds & Scottish, Shares of UDT quickly rose 12p to 52p following the 55p-a-share offer, bur Lloyds & Scottish retreated 4p to 142p.

Int or Fin Em 44.7(44.6) S. & W. Berisford (F) 2.452(2.170) BET (I) 444(384) C'try & Nw Town (I) —(—) Dixons Photo (I) 114(116)

Confirmation of the Government's overspending brought a sharp shake-out in Government's securities yesterday.

This came after a speech the previous evening by the Financial Secretary, Mr Nigel Lawson, who told the Zurich Society of Economists that the Government's borrowing requirement was likely to exceed the property revaluation and GKN brought a ripple of excitement to Trusthouse Forte; which reports next week, rising 4p to 179p.

Line returned from suspension as 85p higher at 355p following for the bid from Hunting Gibson, while Ropner Holdings, with a 29 per cent stake in the property revaluation and GKN up 3p at 146p. This, in turn, brought a ripple of excitement to Trusthouse Forte; which reports next week, rising 4p to 179p.

Elsewhere, rises were seen in Shares of Sater Electrical

The pending placing by broker Earnshaw Haes of Sonic Sound, the Tottenham Court Road video concern founded by Lionel and Sidney - Astor, should it is thought, sec 562,500 shares being made available to the market at a price of 80p a share.

were suspended at 61p pending an autouncement from the com-pany. Dealers last night were anticipating the possibility of a

reverse takeover. Racal was a better market, climbing 4p to 288p, despite rumours of pending litigation in the United States which was discounted in most quarters. Others to show a recovery, in-cluded Farnell Electronics, 2p lower at 560p. cluded Farnell Electronics, 2p In shipping, shares of Stag to 344p, Bowthorpe, 6p to 154p

Latest results

C'ry & Nw Town (1) — (—) 0.96 (0.55) — (—) 0.27 (0.2) 15/4 — (0.75) Bixons Photo (1) 114 (116) 5.01 (5.92) — (—) 1.3 (1.25) 2/3 — (3.33) ... Grand Met (F) 2.582 (2.170) 152 (136) 23.3 (21.8) 3.7 (3.2) 6/3 6.6 (5.7) Hales Props (7) 0.54 (0.37) 0.23 (0.19) 5.0 (4.8) 1.0 (1.0) 5/3 — (3.5) Mustrhead (F) 25.15 (22.51) 2.24 (0.91) 25.2* (17.9) — (1.8) — (4.0) H. Wigfall (1) 22.3 (22.2) 0.063 (0.26) — (—) — (3.0) — (13.5) Woodrow Wyatt (1) 2.77 (3.46) 0.024* (0.18) 0.9* (3.7) 0.5 (1.0) — (2.5) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on peace per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. * Loss.

Earnings

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and Diploma, 3p to 153p. But further selding appeared in GEC, down 6p at 575p. BICC. 1p at 163p. There EMI, 4p to 288p and Unitech, 4p to 253p.

The heavy full-year loss and no dividend wiped 2p from Muirhead at 68p, with Henry Wigfall losing 5p at 131p for a similar reason.

Dresses at 78p, while R. P. Martin jumped 18p to 138p for a similar reason.

Greycoat Properties advanced 12p to 175p on speculative support, while Hales Properties rose 2p to 110p and Country & 70cm Town hardened 30 to 58p, both after interior appears. a similar reason.

The improvement in full-year

profits and free share handout gave S. & W. Berisford a 6p fillip at 183p, but the profits contraction knocked British Electric Traction 5p to 119p.

But most trading statements made depressing reading yester-day. Dixons Photographic ended all square at 138p, but Associated Paper Industries fell

to 20p. Magnet & Southerns continued to reap the benefit of recent good figures, climbing 3p to 119p.

ip to 27p and Woodrow Wyatt

Massey Ferguson was a weak market, rumbling 30p to 135p as the loan talks to guarantee its liquidity continued. Rentokil slipped 6p to 162p as fears grew of a link between cancer and one of its major products. Specularive buying was good for a 10p rise in Cornell

both after interim statements. Little interest was shown amongst the rest of the property sector, although a fall of Sp was seen in Hammerson " A " at

Unigate's decision to sell its baby food activities to a Dutch concern led to a 3p rise at 100p. with British Sugar 7p dearer at 2530 after the annual meeting. Somportex leapt 55p in a thin market and Tate & Lyle, with figures next week, rose 2p to

Oils staged a small recovery in fairly thin trade. BP rose for to 392p, Shell 4p to 444p, Ultramar 7p to 483p, Tricentrol 2p to 306p and Burmah 2p to 179p. Lasmo again benefited from the latest drilling report from the Thelma Field, hardening 8p to 717p.

14 was £118.982m (15,191 bar-

Equity turnover on

gains), Active stocks vesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were: GMH, Racal, GKN, BSR, Beecham, ICI, BP, Premier, GEC, Barclays Bank Bass, Charterhouse Pet. IC Gas, Plessey and Thorn EMI. Traded Options: Total contractsemounted to only 647, with Grand Metropolitan on 270 following figures. Traditional options saw further calls in several oil shares, in-cluding Charterhall at 102, Burmah at 17p, and Charter-

Shares of Strata leap on rumours of gas find

By Phillip Robinson Snares of Australian oil exploration stocks Strata Oil

soared 31p at one point yester-day before easing to a new year's closing peak of 224p on rumours of a substantial gas strike

The jumped 55 cents to a record AS4.35 overnight in Sydney and were being quoted in Lon-don before trading started 21p higher at 212p.

Behind the rise were unconfirmed reports that 3 trillion cubic feet of gas had been found in Woodada Three, the last of three wells in the onwhich Strata has a 26.95 per cent stake and the private Texas based conglomerate Hughes and Hughes has 65 per Much of Strata's price rise

on the London market came on the London market came after 2 pm in expectation of heavy American buying. But Perth-based Strata, which has put out regular Monday morning bulletins on the progress of drilling, was reported by foreign sources as being unavailable for comment. Its last statement was on January 12 when it reported that drilling had been completed on Woodada Three and testing was planned for this weekend. In London, stockbrokers experienced in Australian

stocks were cautiously under-lining the lack of confirmation Unconfirmed estimates of Woodada Three's capabilities put the oil production capacity at 3,000 barrels a day and informed sources say that there could prove to be up to 4,000m dividend raised prospects". And he added: "The group remains committed Dixons Photographic, the film processing, retail electronics and wholesale pharmaceuticals

Dixons down 15pc

group, disappointed the market yesterday with news of pretax profits down 15 per cent to just circumstances". over 25m in the six months to November 8. The shares fell 4p to 127p on the announcement. But Mr

in first half, but

Stanley Kalms, the chairman, took a different view of the outcome saying that he viewed the figures "with some satisfigures "with some satisfaction", especially as they included redundancy and reorganization costs totalling 5542,000.

He said that the board had decided to increase the dividend by 5 per cent to 1.9p gross "in view of the group's strong financial position and



Mr Stanley Kalms, chairman of

to an intense programme of improving efficiency and of expansion, and is not deterred by present transitory economic

This expansionary thrust has scen the group opening con-sumer electronics stores at the rate of 25 a year. Its retail division now has 231 branches and the ultimate target is about

The £542,000 reorganization costs incurred in the retail division helped to cut profits there from £2.4m to £1.5m on turnover up from £41m to £45.5m. Meanwhile, further increases in Dixons share of the film processing market saw profits rise more than a fifth to £1.34m, on a turnover leap

to £1.34m, on a turnover leap of about a third to £8.8m.
At the same time the pharmaceuticals division, which made losses of almost £600,000 in the last full year, returned to a fractional profit.

The biggest divisional setback came overseas with profits more than halved to 2477,600. The blame is placed chiefly on the American retail operation, which saw profits and margins

slashed as a result of a sharp fall in demand. The group is hoping for at least a marginal upturn in the United States soon, but remains less optimistic about the imme-

diate outlook in the United Kingdom, despite what it describes as a good Christmas trading period.

In its last full year Dixons profits edged up from £10.7m to £10.9m.

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Icelandic Issue: Hambros Bank reports that the Republic of Iceland £15m 14] per cent stock 2016 has been placed with United Kingdom and overseas institutions. The stock is payable as to £20.00 per cent per £100.00 nominal of stock on acceptance, with the balance due by March 27 1981. Hambros Bank managed and underwrote the placing. Rowe & Pitman and W. Greenwell & Co acted as brokers to the placing. Application has been made to list the stock on the London Stock Exchange. London Stock Exchange.

Bales Properties: Sales for half-year to September 30, 1980, up from £371,000 to £543,000; pretax profits up from £190,000 to £235,000. Interim dividend un-

Barrow Repturn takeover: Barrow Hepburn has acquired Cradley Rubber of Lye, Stourbridge, for

Ace Belmont International : Turn over for year to August 31, 1980, £34.05m (£28.01m). Pretax profits. £811,000 (£2.07m). Equity is all

Kennings Estates (equity all held by Kenning Motor): Turnover for year to September 30, 1980, £1.8m (£1.77m). Pretax profits, £3.04m £1.8m. Proparties revalued at September 30, disclosing surplus

Independent Investment Co: Pre-tax income for half year to December 31, 1930, £154,000. Results for the half-year to December 31, 1979, not compar-able. Earnings should not be taken as an indication for the full year. Tecalemit: Tecalemit's offer for Orbit Controls now unconditional. Acceptances received for 99.3 per

Greenfriar Investment: Gross revenue for year to December 31, 1980, £264,000 (£324,000). Dividend nechanged at 2.85p gross.
Tomkinsons Carpets: Board reports that the outlook for 1981 is reasonably optimistic. Company is experiencing some revival in rug sales, particularly in Oriental and Berber styles.

Capro: The private investment company which has said it may mount a rival bid to Hanson Trust's £13m takeover approach for Central Manufacturing & Trading has acquired a further 120,000 shares at \$1,25p. This brings its stake to 20.6 per cent. Palabora, the South African copper mine 39 per cent owned by Rio Tinto-Zinc, raised output last year by 3,000 tonnes to 114,000. Sales however were only up by about 400,000 tonnes to 113,000 tonnes. AUR, OUR formes to 113,000 formes. Bigher production was achieved despite a fall in the average copper grade to 0.48 per cent. But a depressed uranium market kept sales down to 96,000 kilogrammes, compared with 129,000 in 1979. Colmore . Investments: Chairman of Nesco Investments, Mr Trevor Trefgarne, has written to mem-Trefgarne, has written to mem bers of Colmore urging acceptance of the Nesco offer that has been extended to January 28. He says that acceptances to January 13 totalled 390,817 shares. With 731,885 purchased before the offer and 400,000 bought since, they have 38.1 per cent of the Colmore capital.

Figures released for the monthly amount of money stock seasonally adjusted at the mid-month detes.							
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MONEY SUPPLY

Monthly change in sterling M3 and domestic credit expansion Challons							
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March	+	737	230	185	- 302		
April	_	701	-342	143	÷ 216		
May		.149	+246	146	+1,249		
Jure		.369	843	79	+ 447		
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No Muirhead payout after £2m loss

High technology specialists Mulrhead shocked the City yesterday with news of heavy losses and the passing of its dividend for the year to September. The shares, which last year peaked at 272p, fell 15p to 53p but lifted to 66p by the close. The defence components and data facsimile equipment manufacturer, headed by Sir Raymond Brown, reported a pre-tax loss of £2.24m compared with

profits last year of £911,000. Sales were marginally higher at £25.15m against £22.5m. The main problem, said Mr Donald Buchanan, company secretary, was the closure of the Morden rotary components factory which had been badly hit by squeezed profit margins, high overhead costs, and excess production capacity. The bulk of the factories' work has been transferred to its long-established Beckenham plant, where output was briefly disrupted by productions problems. The closure costs were included in the £651,000 of extraordinary losses which also covered redundancy

costs. The cuts in the 1,600 workforce, mainly at Morden, meant the loss of 400 jobs. Although sub-contracting orders from Muirhead's customers, such as Plessey, GEC and Ferranti, were "reasonand Ferranti, were "reason-able", the real problems were chose of costs and excess capain particular, was hit by the strength of sterling and ex-change losses. The overseas trading loss was £501,000 against profits last time of £82,000. Many foreign customers



Sir Raymond Brown, chairman

A critical review of the terim dividend last time was group's valuation of stocks gave a provision of £977,000 for which has tumbled a long way A critical review of the the year, and an additional from last year's high of 250p, £1.1m has been treated as prioryears adjustments. Rapidly changing technology is fast making stocks obsolete, and the group is changing its account-

ing policy. Demand was weak throughout the year for its data communications and facsimile equipment, which contributes 45 per cent of sales—with customers proving reluctant to invest durcity, be said. And selling ing a recession. Higher interest through its overseas subsidi-arles, in France and Germany reflected increased borrowings up by about £1m to £6m in the

year. Capital expenditure was negligible. Against this background, Mr Buchanan declined to forecast for the current year but indicaswitched to more competitive ted that the worst, with the Morden closure, was now over.

Wigfall slumps in first half

By Margareta Pagano Righ borrowings and depressed trading continued to beset the electrical retailer Henry Wigfall at the balfway stage. Its decision to pass the interim dividend despite cost reductions and lower borrowings is a sign of caution.

Pre-tax profits fell to £63,000 in the six months to October compared with £269.000 last time. Sales crept shead to £22.3m, against £22.2m, reflecting the worst trading period, which started last April the group has experienced. But this direction and transition and transitions are should be of the started last applied to the started last a lisguises real growth in trading profits, which rose to £4.62m, against £4.33m last time.

Depreciations charges were higher at £3m and interest charges advanced to £1.48m. compared with £1.24m. The inropped 5p to 151p on the news In line with aims set out last year by Mr Michael Abbott, the chairman, that borrowings must be lowered, the group has seen £3m reduction to £10m since the last year end to March. A further £1m is expected to be knocked off the total by this

year end. Rationalization plans lutroduced last year to cut costs and widen the group's product range included the closure of 18 shops and 250 redundancies. These measures continue, but Wigfall indicates that it has seen "reasonable" trading patterns pick up since October with Christmas trading noticeably

So long as sales, margins and costs are maintained at present levels it expects to pay a final dividend. Last year's final was 15p gross, making a total of

Mr Richard Morrell, the managing director, said vester-day that passing the dividend was a cautious move at this stage, despite the indications that trading was recovering. Profits from the second half of the year are usually higher but real recovery is not expected before 1981 to 1982. The group's six fashion shops are faring worse than its electrical outlets. He added that no bid rumours had reached Wigfall recently, after speculation last October that Currys might be looking at the group. Three years ago Wig-fall carried our a successful takeover defence against Comet.

Crest Int seeks USM quote

Crest International Securities, whose quotation was suspended in 1974, plans to apply for its capital, issued and to be issued, to be traded in the Unlisted Securities Market.

Crest announced yesterday

that it is acquiring Tom Farmer, a property investment company, owned by Mr Tom Farmer. a director of Crest, and his wife, for £993,000, being its net asset value. The consideration will be the issue of 9.93 million ordinery 10p shares, 1.41 million of which are being placed. The balance will be retained by Mr and Mrs Farmer. Crest is also

buying Parben, a property group, for £725,000 in 2.25 million 10p shares.

Crest is raising £1.3m (efter expenses) by a placing of 14 million ordinary 10p shares at par and a subscription of a further 1 million ordinaries of 10p each for cash at par by Alec Stenson, the Crest chairman. The 14 million ordinaries, together with the 1.41 million succes from the vendors of Farmer, are being placed by Henry Cooke, Lumsden, brokers

Woodrow Wyatt hit

Business appointments

by strikes After tumbling into the red in the first half of its year, Woodrow Wyatt Holdings, the

printing group, is halving its interim dividend to 0.71p gross.

In spite of turnover increasing from £3.46m to £3.77m in the six months to September 30, 1980, the group sustained a pretax loss of £25,000, compared with a profit of £187,000 pared with a profit of £187,009 last time. In the first two months of its year, the group was beset by strikes nationally by the NGA. Losses approaching £100,000 were incurred. Without this, trading profits (before interest) would have been higher than the first half

Country & New Town first-half jump

Having produced almost trebled results in 1979-80, Country and New Town Proper-ties is still making strides. In the balf-year to July 31, 1980, pretax profits jumped by 75 per cent to £964,000. In the preceding full year, pretax profits climbed to a best-ever £2.19m. Raising the interim dividend. gross, from 0.28p to 0.35p, Mr G. M. Newton, the chairman. ments made a notable contribution to the half-year's figures. Of the 160 flats originally

available for sale, only 10 now remain.

profits warning

At the Royal Bank of Scotland's annual meeting. Sir Michael Herries, the chairman. reported that, inevitably, declining interest rates and re-duced loan demand will affect bank profits in the short-term. But the fall in inflation and the establishment of a firm foundstion for economic growth" should he said, bring in due course more lasting benefits to the industry.

C. & J. Clark has 58 pc of K Shoes

On January 14, C. & J. Clark held acceptances for 13.77m new ordinary shares and the same number of deferred shares in Shoes. This is 58.4 per cent of the new ordinaries and dereports that the Miami apart- agreed offers were made. Clark also has acceptances for 93.7 per cent of the preference.

The offers remain open, but the acceptances are conditional main, on the takeover not being re-Last year's profits included ferred to the Monopolies Comthe benefit from the sale of one mission.

Net loss of £3.9m at API

By Peter Wilson-Smith Closure and redundancy costs, trading losses from discontinued operations and lower demand pushed Associated Paper Industries deep into the red in the year to September 27. The final dividend has been cut by

over two-thirds. At the pretax level API still showed a profit of £352,000, reduced from £1.95m. But after £3.9m. of extraordinary costs and much-reduced dividends, there was a £3.9m net loss to be written off reserves com-pared with retentions of £1.1m

the previous year. The closure of the two loss-making paper mills, Cooke & Nuttall and Vale Board Mills, leaves API with one specialized paper mill compared with seven in the early 1960s and completes the transition to a group mainly involved in paper couverting and with interests in closures are expected, although there may be modest cuts in the workforce, which was down by a third to just over 1,000

last year. These continuing operations still made a pretax profit of £1.39m compared with £2.06m in the previous year after the rise in interest charges from £365,000 to £768,000. Out of £44.7m sales, continuing opera-

tions contributed £33.0 Mr Charles Rawlinson, the chairman, felt the group had reached the bottom. "We're not going to the wall", he said, adding that demand had stabilized. However, he left no doubt that this year would be diffi-cult and with the group finding it hard to make profits in the present climate, he would not comment on prospects for the

L'in agreement extended

By Michael Prest

Mining Correspondent
After months of wrangling,
the International Tin Council has agreed to extend the Fifth International Tin Pact by another year from July 1. It is hoped that the move will buy sufficient time to obtain a sixth agreement. The existing agreement would have expired on

buffer stock, the stock's size 30,000 tonnes of the metal from and the continuation of export its stockpile. No sizeable sales controls. The United States was have yet been made, however.

change three-mouth contract

June 30.

Discussions on a new agreement were held in Geneva last market has been the decision by the United States General Administration to sell

particularly insistent that there should be a buffer stock big enough to make controls un-

The discussions have come at a difficult time. Tin prices have fallen sharply in the last few days, the London Metal Exclosing at £6,160 a tonne yester-

Services Administration to sell

has a voluntary trigger point of

50 per cent, with no legal

lation to back up the code.

New Telecom post for Mr Ford

Mr Michael Ford, deputy director of Prestel, British Telecom's viewdata service, has been made chairman of Wales and the Marches regional board of British Telecom from February 25. He succeeds Mr Ken Sparlock, who retired on February 24 ofter four years as chairman.

Mr John Evison has been made Mr John Evison has been made director of Miller Buckley Civil

Engineering. Mr William Fairball has the Loudon Transport new post of director of finance and planning, in which he will combine the responsibilities for corporate planning and central financial functions.

Mr J. L. Wyatt Is now assistant managing director of Amalgam Power Engineering Mr David Pawlyn has been joined to the board of Group 4 Total Security. Dr Edward Hope is now on the board of the holding company, Group 4 Securities. Mr Alexauder S. Reid has joined the board of Moorgate Investment

Mr Glen H. Wilson is now com-pany secretary of H. Sichel & Sons. Mr H. Rainer Vogt has joined the board of Hammerson Property and investment.

Mr John Varde is now director
of operations, Plessey Aerospace.
Mr Haydn Griffiths is now direcfor of supplies and transport, British Gas, from February 1. Mr D. L. Gomme has succeeded

Mr H. N. Soorborg as chairman of Gonune Holdings. Mr J. C. Bruce and Mr J. P. Webb have become associate directors of Cornelius Chemical Company from February 1 this

year.
Mr R. C. I. Bate is now managing director of GPG International, a Guinness plastics subsidiary, in place of Mr R. Lewis, who is to retire early for health reasons. Mr Lewis will remain a director of GPG until June 30.

Mr R. B. Carter has been made managing director, marketing, of mr K. B. Carter has been made managing director, marketing, of Humphreys & Glasgow.

Mr Douglas Kitchen has joined the board of Steinberg Group.

Mr James E. Schilling has been named international sales manager of the computer and instrumentation division of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He will be

Electric Corporation. He will be based initially in Hitchin.

Mr Robert A. Chereck has been transferred from Dallas to join First National Bank in Dallas' London branch as deputy general manager. marager,
Mr Jan Schothorst has been
made area manager, UK and managing director of Alusuisse (UK)
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Limited with immediate effect. He succeeds Mr Dennis Fredjohn.

Mr W. J. Durrans is now commercial director, retail, in the consumer foods division of CPC (United Kingdom) Limited. He succeeds Mr R. A. (Tony) Garvey, who takes up the new post of director, corporate development.

new single premiums, £19.4m (£19.9m), new sums as £3,298m (£2,875m) and

managing director of Brunel Cases, Mr Charles Estwell is now sales director of the company, Mr Geoffrey Breakell, Mr David Moss, and Mr Michael V. Smith become assistant general managers from April 1. dividend, which was reduced from 5.2p gross to 2.86p. made marketing manager and a director of the Bridon subsidiary, British Ropes. Mr C. H. Parker and Mr P. J.

Bryom have become part-time members of the board of British Shipbuilders. Mr W. Richardson has been reappointed as a parttime member. All three will serve for two years from January 1. for two years from January I.

Mr Anthony S. Heal is to relinquish his position of chairman
and managing director of Heal and
Son Holdings on February 28. He
will become a non-executive director and retain the title "Head of
the Business" previously held by
his father, the late Sir Ambrose
Heal. The board has elected Mr
Oliver S. Heal to be chairman
and managing director to take
office on March 1. Mr Oliver Heal
is chairman of Heal and Son
Limited, the retail division and
the group management committee. the group management committee Mr C. Stanley Vaughan and Mr Gordon H. Riddle have been directors of Barton

Sir James Menter, has been made a director of Steetley.

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ı	110	74	George Blair	76		3.1	4.0	
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Hongkong code may be amended

Hongkong Securities Commission said yesterday that the company takeover code should have a clause that would require shareholders owning 3 per cent of a company's issued

Expansion at ICI Australia

Group net profits of Rhein- from DM15,670m.

the year to June 30. Group turn-over advanced to DM18,260m 19.74 the year before.

of Imperial Chemical Industries. Plans include expansion of year to about £34m, German utility lower

isch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk, the West German public utility, fell to DM489m (about

(£100m), against DM570m, in

International

The acquisition of shares between 35 and 50 per cent should be limited to 3 per cent

A £187m development pro-gramme is outlined in the annual report for 1980 of ICI Australia, the local subsidiary

Net profit of ICI Australia. Net profit of ICI Australia fell by about £1.37m in the

Parent company net profit was virtually unchanged at DM389m on turnover of DM9,700m against DM9,000m.

Group profit per share was DM20.48, compared with DM

KLM load factor up KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said its provisonal load-factor rose to 60.3 per cent in December from 56.9 per cent in December 1979 and compared with 60.2 per cent in November last year.

backing.

Dow share purchase Dow Chemical Co plans to urchase 1.9 million shares of purchase 1.9 militon surection its stock over the next several The company said it would buy the shares to cover stock issued to employees through stock option and purchase plans.

Dealers said they were un-New Life sure how the commission intended to require share-**Business** holders to make a general offer to others. They also noted that there was no mention of legis-

> Guardian Royal : Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance's total United Kingdom new annual premiums for 1980 showed an increase of 8 per cent compared with 1979 and reached £26.8m (£24.9m in 1979), while new United Kingdom single premiums were 3 per cent up at £15.8m (£15.3m). Net new sums assured in the United Kingdom assured in the United Kingdom were 25 per cent higher at £2,535m (£2,024m), while new annuides grew by 15 per cent to £36.8m (£75.7m). New annual premiums for United Kingdom group scheme business included in these figures were £15m (£13.6m), an increase of 10 per cent, although single premiums were lower at £1.4m (£2.6m). GRE's world-wide figures, which are significantly distorted by changes in currency rates of exchange, were new annual premiums, £36.3m (£35m),

annulties per annum, £90.2m (£78.4m). Particularly notable vere the results for Republic of were the results for Republic of Ireland and Australia where, in local currency terms, new annual premiums increased by 44 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. Yorkshire-General: Yorkshire-General, the life company of General accident, announces net news sums assured for 1980 of £1,390m (£1,051m in 1979) of which £940m (705m) was in respect of ordinary life business and £450m (£346m) in respect of pensions business. In addition, immediate annuities of £0.6m per annum (£2.5m) and permanent health benefits of £22.8m per annum (£2.5m) of £22.8m per annum (£4.4m) were written. New amnual premiums amounted to £9.3m (£3.7m) of which £4.3m (£3.3m) was in respect of ordinary life business, £5.4m (£4.8m) in respect of pensions business and £0.15m (£0.12m) in respect of permanent health business. Immediate annuity considerations and non-recurring single premiums rotalled £5.3m (£6.3m). Ireland and Australia where, in

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in New Delhi were quoted yesterday as saying that 'tea illoi — Feb. 53.00-08.30; marchine 59.80-59.90; April-Lime, 62.20-62.40; Oct-Dec. 65.20-65.30; Oct-Dec. 65.20-65.30; July 506. Arti-Lime. 74.20-74.30; July 506. consumer countries were scep-tical about an international tea agreement on export quotas proposed by India, Sri Lanka 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were about strady (all Lence per kilo).—Srot.

57.25-58,75; Cifs. Frb. 61.50-62.00;

March. 62.25-62.50.

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1.075-76; July. 1.04-85; Sept. 1.05-7
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ARABICA (officials at 16-15; F-b.

143.00-45-76; April. 14-50-47.01

June. 146.10-48.00; Aug. 148.00-47.00; Oct. 146.00-48.00.

145.75-49.00; Fab. 1.46.00-48.00.

COCOA was about strady (£ per and Kenya. Herr Ronald Nissle and Herr Helmut Grosser, chairman and managing director respectively of the West German Tea Council, were quoted as saying that a consensus among tea export-ing countries on the proposed pact was unlikely in the near about steady (2 per March, 864-70; Mrs. 916-17; Scot. 93R-39; March, 991-92; May. es: 1,861 tota including future. attending a tea seminar in India, said that the German tea te London dully price of as £8 higher at £290.00: a price was £7 higher and £270.00: a price was £7 higher Fatures were quiet £2 higher £20.50.300.01: 55-98.95: Aug. 201.59-285.25-93.75: Jan. 261.00-ch. 258.00-62.00: May. D. Sales: 7.398 lois. 158. 149: daily 28.85c: 18-day 30c. rade is dependent on the Indian tea market, but faces difficulties over delayed shipments and deterioration in tea quality in the past 10 years. MEAL -was chaler (2 per b. 127.00-27.40; April 2 June, 131.50-71.80; 53.30; Oct, 136.00-79.50; 32.00; Feb, 130.00-36.00. 3560 lots, revision MZ cross-cents per kilot.—NZ cross-No 2 conunct was quiet: Jan. 5; March. 350-334; May. 253-Aug. 258-372; Oct. 371-373; 778-380; Jan. 578-381; March. 30: May. 582-396, Sales, 18; Jos.

Dearer chemicals Shell Chemicals UK is to in crease the price of its expandable polystyrene products by about 15 per cent, because of higher raw material prices.

The two traders, who were

Two West German tea traders

Discount market Credit conditions became much Credit conditions became much tighter in the discount market yesterday. Houses were up against a sizable shortage which was only relieved after the Bank of England had assisted on a very large scale. This help was channelled via the purchases of a moderate amount of Treasury Bills, a small quantity of local authority bills, and a small number of commercial bank bills direct from the houses.

Market rates (day 's range') January 15 \$2,3970-4060

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New York

Foreign exchange report Ahead of today's United Kingdom trade figures the pound remained firm in currency markets yesterday, reaching 2,4655 before closing below its best at 2,4015 against the dollar compared with 2,3970 overnight. Its trade-weighted average rose to 79.7 from 79.4. However, volume continued modest. The latest banking figures made no direct from the houses.

Secured leans were generally at 181-1 per cent during the day.

Aided by higher Eurodollar rates, the dollar resumed its upimpact.

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with sentiment also benefiting from renewed hopes for the Iranian hosizes, and the prospect of ingher United States money supply figures today. The mark declined to 2.0010 before closing off the bottom at 1.9990 (1.9925). Others losing ground to the dollar included the Swiss franc 1.8120 (1.8057), guilder, 2.1732 (2.1657), and French franc, 4.6267 (4.6090). Steady for much of the session reflecting Tokyo's closure for a blic holiday, the year rose late 201.75 from 202.95 previously Sterling: Spot and Forward

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Money Market

Bank of England MLRT4%

Rates

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was up 0,3% to 79,7%. Dollar Spot indices Rates England Guaranty Index Changes US deliar
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Market rates

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Wall Street

New York, Jan 15 .- An afternoon rally by energy issues lifted the New York Stock Exchange to a narrow gain The Dow Jones industrial average, weak all day, gained 3.50 points to \$69.97 by the close. points to \$559.97 by the close.

Analysts said energy shares rose on a report that the Price Hiram Walker-Consumers Home placed on the reserves of Davis Oil Co was much higher than the value of comparable deals recently. They said traders speculated that would increase the domestic reserve valuations of most other companies. Aspland Off Mintle Richo Boeing Boise Cascade Borden Borg Warner Bristol Ligers A published report today said Walker valued the Davis reserves

Walker valued the Davis reserves at \$20 a barrel. Analysts said that is well above the roughly \$10 a barrel placed by Sun Company on reserves of Seagram Company Texas Pacific Oil Properties and the \$12 to \$13 a barrel set in other recent deals. other recent deals. Among the best gainers, Sedco jumped 103 to 90, Genty Oil 23 to 91, Union Oil of California, which reported a Wyoming discovery, three to 45, Conoco three to 642, Phillips Petroleum 3n to 585 and Phillips Petroleum 3n to 58s and Union Pacific two to 76. Superior Oil surged 111 to 212 and Phoenix Canada Oil added 11 to 25° on the Toronto Exchan They obtained approval of on the Toronto Exchange. They obtained approval of the Peruvian state oil company to explore the northern Peruvian ignete. jungle.

Mobil rose 12 to 813, Atlantic Richfield 13 to 64, Standard Oli (Indiana). 14 to 77, California Standard 24 to 1004, Exton 12 to 794 and Texaco 4 to 464.

US commodities LIVER futures lost as much as the open cent limit on liquidation, Jan., 473.00-1, 490.00c; Feb. 1, 491.00c; larch, 1,510.00-1,520.00c; May, 557.00-1,565.00c; July, 1,606.00c; ept. 1,650.00c; Dec. 1,714.50c; Jan., 737.50c; March, 1,780.50c; May, 1,834.50c; March, 1,780.50c; May, 1,843.50c; July, 1,868.50c; Sept. 1.737.50c 1.824.50c 1.912.50c 1.912.50c.

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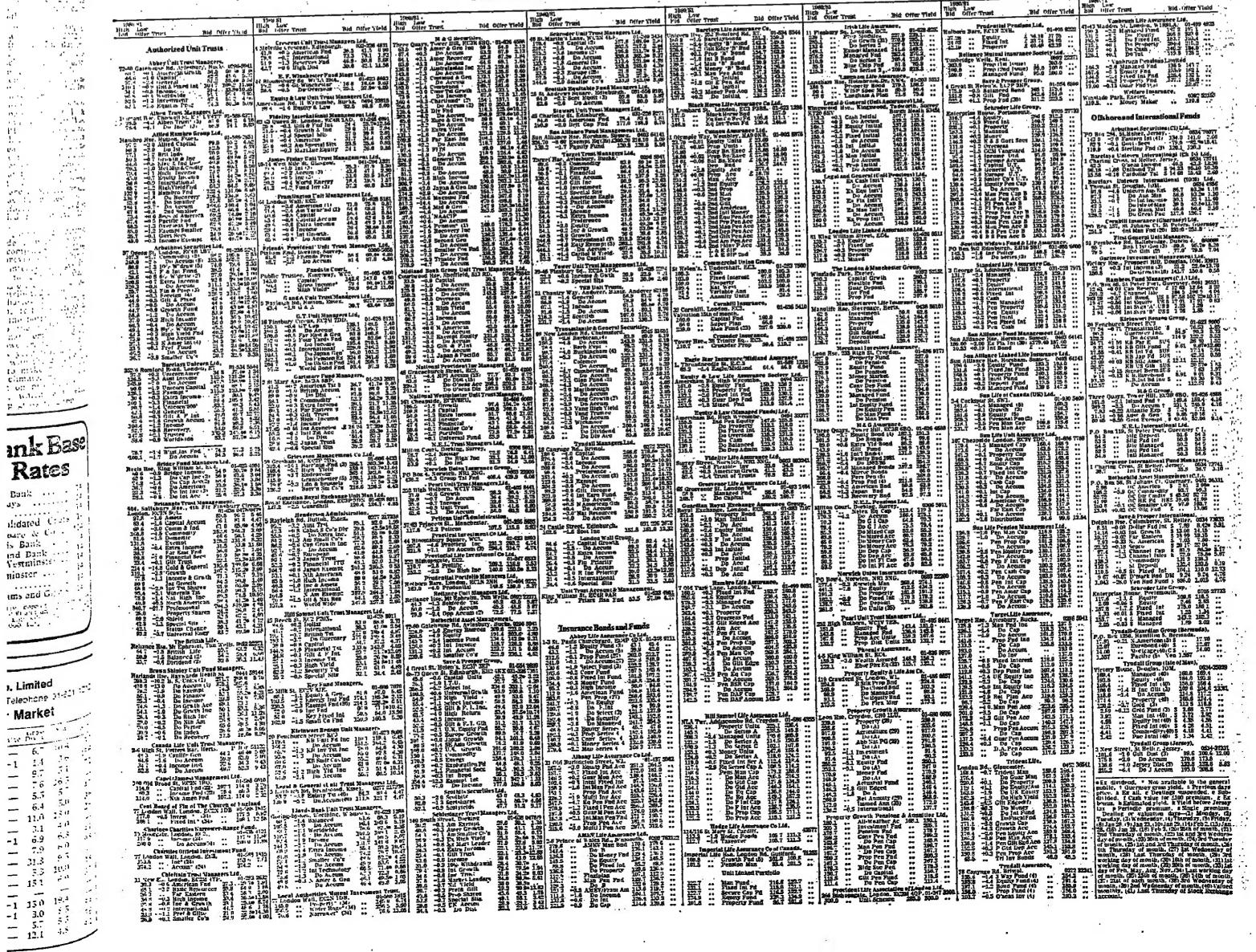
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Motoring

Saab remains competitive with the 900

To survive in a world of motoring giants, Saab, the smal-lest volume manufacturer in Europe, has somehow to keep its range fresh and competitive while avoiding the big outlay entailed in developing a new model from scratch.

I remember at the Geneva Motor Show four years ago talking to some well-informed Swedish journalists who were convinced that Saab would, before long, abandon car manufacture and concentrate on its other activities, which include the Scania trucks, aircraft and

computers. At that time, certainly, the outlook for Saab looked bleak. The car division was losing money and was dependent on only one model, the aging and expensive 99. Later, the planned merger with Volvo, which might have been a sensible piece of restoralization, fell through rationalization, fell through.

Without the funds to replace the 99, Saab shrewdly decided to develop it and the result was the 900, which used the same basic mechanical layout and body style but which was significantly bigger: a weakness of the 99, in marketing terms, was that it did not seem to offer

often a lot of money.

The 900 was a new model born of an old one at minimum cost. There were enough changes for it not to be simply dismissed as a "stretched" 99. The extra length was used to provide a longer wheelbase, helping ride and stability, and providing more room for passengers. The opportunity was also taken to fit a new, and effective, heating and ventilation system.

The Saab 900, first sold in Britain nearly two years ago, was, however, a three or five-door hatchback—in a part of the mar-ker dominated, despite the Rover and Renault 30, by conventional saloons with a separate boot. The market for large three-box cars in Europe was estimated at around 2.6 million units a year

and Saab was not in it. Hence the 900 saloon, which made its debut at the Geneva Motor Show last year and came to Britain in the autumn. Essentially it is the same vehicle as the hatchback, except that it has a boot instead of a tailgate. But the new back end has been' pleasantly styled and further effaces the resemblance to the

The boot itself is long, rather than high or wide, but has a claimed capacity of more than 14 cubic feet and should swallow normal Juggage with ease. There is a small space underneath the floor, next to the spare wheel, where small items can be stowed. Unusually, Saab has retained the folding rear seat of the batch-.. back, which means that the car can take very long loads. Rear sear passengers get a little more headroom and the

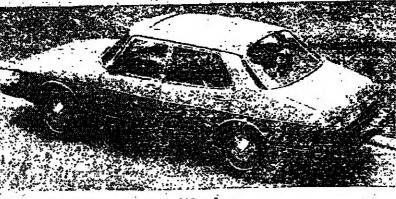
enough metal for what was car should seat five adults with something to spare. The back seats have new springs for increased comfort and also to take out weight. There is a smarter trim throughout, a smaller steering wheel, adjustment for the door mirrors from inside the car and, for the first time on a Saab, electrically operated front windows are fitted on the more expensive versions. Power steering is standard.

I have been driving the 900 saloon in its most expensive form, £11,444, with a turbocharged engine and automatic transmission. The venerable 1985 cc engine has been modified to make it lighter, more efficient and slightly more powerful. Again, for a small company like Saab, developing a new power unit would have been crushingly

expensive. Turbocharged, the injected engine develops 145 bhp and provides acceleration at least as good as most six cylinders, although it must be emphasized that the turbo is a reserve power which in normal driving is comparatively little used. Saab reckons that most motorists will call on the turbo no more than 10 to 15 per cent of the time, an estimate which I would put on the high side.

The point is that the turbo starts to operate at around 3,000 rpm, an engine speed which corresponds to a road speed of 60 mph in top gear. So you have to be driving the car fairly aggressively to bring the turbo in and there were long periods when I almost forgot I had it. But it does provide startling

acceleration-a little too startling if not employed with care—and



Shrewd adaptation—the Saab 900 saloon

is ideal for overtaking and for pulling briskly away from traffic. Because the turbo lies dormant so much of the time, it wastes little fuel and my consumption, even with automatic transmission, came out at a respect-

able 22 to 27 mpg.

I suspect, though, that many people buy Saabs for reasons less spectacular than a "blown". engine. One, undeniably, is durability and finish, exemplified by the satisfying clunk as the door closes and by the marque's better than average record on rust. A Saab, like its compatriot the Volvo, is built to survive the heavy Scandinavian winters.

Mainly because of its steering, the 99 acquired the reputation of a heavy car to drive. But the 900's power assisted system is excellent and so, for that matter, is the automatic transmission. There is still some bodyroll on corners, and tyre squeal, but the car holds the road reassuringly and has efficient all-disc brakes. Refinement is impressive. Road, wind and engine noise is well suppressed and there is little need to turn up the stereo radio/cassette (standard on the turbo) at 70 mph or, I dare say, beyond. The ride is on the firm side but the seats offer well upholstered support and, as usual on a Saab, the front seats heat automatically in cold weather.

In all, this is a car which, without offering any outstanding features, can take its place with the Audis and the Volvos and the Rovers, and it should help to sustain Saab in what promises to be a very tough marketplace, particularly at the so-called executive end, during 1981.

Miles apart

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ANIMALS AND BIRDS

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BL has attracted much praise for the Mini Metro as a vehicle but little criticism for advertising it as the 83 mpg car. Renault seems to have been more sensitive on the issue than most and has started an advertising campaign in obvious competition to the Metro's, pointing out that in town, at least, the. most economical model is its

The 83 mpg claim had to be Renault 5TL, at 57.6 and 41.7 is based on fact or it would have infringed not only the code on advertising standards but, probably, the law as well. It was derived from the results of tests conducted by the Automobile Association, driving a particular Metro model, the HLE, at a constant 30 mph.

Obviously, that is something no ordinary motorist ever does, unless he or she is trying to obtain freak fuel consumption figures. To that extent it is misleading, not to say irrelevant. On the other hand, I wonder how many motorists took the 83 mpg figure literally? Or even seri-

ously? Rival manufacturers were another matter and, after first spluttering with anger, Renault gratefully seized on the latest batch of official consumption figures, issued by the Department of Transport, for independent confirmation that the 5TL was more economical, in town, than the Metro HLE. Hence the advertisements.

The ordinary motorist may find all this a little childish, a private quarrel from which he can stay aloof. But with the need to save fuel becoming such a central issue in motoring, it is inevitable that manufacturers should try to outdo each other on fuel economy claims.

Leaving aside the fictional world of 83 mpg, the Metro HLE is the most economical car avail-able in Britain—or, indeed, Europe—by two of the three official yardsticks, at a steady 56 mph and at a steady 75 mph. The figures, respectively, are 58.3 mpg and 41.7 mpg (the

only fractionally behind). But are those returns any more realistic? I suspect that as

few motorists drive at a steady 56 mph as at a constant 30 mph and any figures obtained from such an exercise must be treated with a similar scepticism. The 75 mph measure is more to the point, being near to what a car will do at the permitted motorway speed.

The most useful return, erring if anything on the harsh side, is that for the town cycle. It is based on a carefully worked out driving formula which tries to simulate urban traffic condi-tions, with plenty of stops and starts and use of the low gears. It is here that the Renault 5TL beats the Metro HLE, by 44.8 to

The HLE is also bettered on the town cycle by another Renault, the GTL (also 44.8) and the Suzuki SC100 (41.9) and equalled by the Citroen 2CV and Dyane. And it should be emphasized that the HLE is, in turn, significantly more economical than other Metro versions. The urban cycle figure for the 1.3 litre, for instance, is

modest 32.8. On balance, it is probably healthy for car manufacturers to fight each other over fuel consumption claims because it keeps a very important subject in the public eye. And the Government figures, sensibly interpreted, do provide a means of comparing one car with another even if they do not, and cannot, predict what you as a driver will actually get.

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loyce Kennedy in Rita May's comedy about darts " widows " in revolt, One Hundred and Eighty!!! (BBC 2, 9.00)

Two long-running serials end tonight, one of them an unqualified success, the other a curate's egg. To serve them All My Days (BBC 1, 8.00), Andrew Davies's adaptation of R. F. Delderfield's saga of public school life, had its heart in the right place while succeeding in meeting all academic requirements too. It also had three exemplary performances from John Duttine, as the soulful Welsh hero, Alan MacNaughtan as the master with a discount of this lies, and Errol. Widdleways goodness. the soulful weish nero, Alan Magnaughtan as the master with a cigarette growing out of his lips, and Frank Middlemass, goodness personified, as the former head. As for Alan Plater's dramatization of The Good Companions (ITV, 9.00) it was period-perfect, robustly acted, but fatally flawed by songs that were as weak as they were redundant. The last thing Priestley's good wine needed was this sort of bush.

@ Tonight's edition of the outdoor magazine In the Country (BBC 2, 7.55) is about map makers, nighty and humble. The mighty ones are those who every year, turn out millions of those enormous Ordnance Survey maps on which everything is indicated except lamp posts. Most of the information, we learn, is picked up by survey micraft, a mile and half high. The humble ones are represented by the earthbound Hugh Westacott, author of The Walker's Handbook, who tramps the countryside, notebook and pencil at the ready, recording those remaining bits of the land fit for perambulatory heroes.

O Rita May's play about a Northern darts league. One Hundred and Eighty !!! (BBC 2, 9.00) has been most shrewdly scheduled, for it immediately precedes the coverage of today's play in the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship, Fortuitous programme planning or not, the play, though a comedy, makes some incontrovertible points about amateur darts fanaticism which, if unchecked, can lead to professional passion on an international scale (BBC 2, 10.00 and 11.30). The darts players wives rebel against having to play second fiddle to a darts board and stage a sit in at the local pub where the league final is about

9 Having omitted, last Wednesday, to remind you that My Music, one of the most consistently enjoyable half-hours on radio is back again, let me now advise you that there is a second broadcast on Radio 4 at 12.27. Team and chairman are unchanged... With our bathroom scales testifying to over-indulgence at Christmas, the Radio 4 series about the facts and fallacies of dieting (4.05) could not have been better timed. . . . Tonight's two-part recital by the Beaux Arts Trie (Radio 3, 7.30 and 8.15) is broadcast live from Birmingham. We shall hear the Brahms trio in C; Op 87, the Haydn No 7 in A, and the Ravel in A minor.

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1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Today's edition includes Peter Seabrook's regular feature about gardening, Dig This. 1.45 How Do You Do: Counting games for children, and the story The Special Pebble (r).

3.20 Croesi'r Ffin (Crossing Borders): For Welsh viewers. 3.55 Play School: Mike Rosen's and Ann Reay's story A Surorise for Ann Reay's story A Surprise for the King. Also on BBC 2 at 11.00. 4.20 Laurel and Hardy : The Bullnick: Cartoon which does not do the comedy pair justice. the comedy pair justice.

4.25 Jackanory: Bernard Holley completes his readings from Joan Badingron's Joany Briegs and the Great Razzle-Datzle, 4.40 Think Again: Johnny Ball with some little known facts and figures about books and comics: 5.65 Grange Hill: Serial about a comprehensive school. Part 6. Thanks to some vandals, a question mark hamps over the school dance. 5.35 Ivor the Engine: The story of an outing (r).

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12.00 The Magic Ball: Story, with illustrations, about Sam and his ball. It is called The Story of the Chimney Sweep (r). 12.10 pm, Once Upon a Time: Mark Wynter tells the story of Rumpelstitistin.

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10.15 Peter Skellern: The second part of the singer's autobiography. part of the singer's autobiography, with musical interludes. Tonight's instalment comes from Bury, Lints, where Mr Skellern was choirboy, then organist and choirmaster at St Paul's.

10.50 Royal Heritage: Part 2 of this much-praised seeles about 5.40 News with Kenneth Kendall. 5.55 Nationwide: Includes the gardening item, Down to Earth, presented by Alan Tichmarsh.

The figure is put at 100, with 5,000 injured. With John Thaw. 7.10 News: With sub-titles for the hard of hearing. 7.20 Oxford Road Show: First in a new series. The declared aim of this magazine is to take a lucid look at topical and timely subjects. Presented in front of a studio audience. With Rik Mayall and Rob Rohrer. From Manthester. 11.00 am Play School: The same as on BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at dragon. With English dialogue.
6.30 Speak for Yourself: Another
in this series for people whose
first language is not English.
Tonight: the best way to go
about asking a doctor to visit
someone who is ill at home. It
includes a mini-play, to drive the
points home.

Mayall and Rob Rohrer. From Manchester.
7.55 In the Country: Angela Rippon visits the Southampton headquarters of Ordnance Survey to find our how the Immons maps are made. We also meet Hugh Westacott, an independent mapmaker who produces a handful of footpath guides every year. He is tracked down in the Rrecon Beacons by Bernard Price (see Personal Choice).
8.25 Reagan's Republicans: Newsweek takes a look at the men in the new Reagan administration. The programme examines their background and experience, and

clips from television plays such as I - Claudius, Man of Straw, Hamlet, and Philby, Burgess and Maclean. 2.45 Film: Letters from Three Lovers (1973) Made-for-television drama starring June Allyson, Ken Berry Mattla Sheen and Juliet Mills. How some lives are affected by the late arrival of Arctic.
10.45 Young Ramsay: Drama about the poisoning of foals. A per goat comes to the rescue: 11.35 Superstar Profile: Interview with Hollywood, actor William Holden. The interviewer is Contention Language Coulen. three letters.

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4.15 Watch It! Another story about an inventor called Dr Snuggles. 4.20 The Adventures of Rick Beauty: Episode 2 of Sunggles. 4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty: Episode 2 of David Butler's serial A Member of the Family. Today: enter a thief. 4.45 Animals in Action: Keith Shackleton, the wildlife artist, is presenter of, and draws the pictures for, this programme about the way in which animals protect their young.

5.15 Clapperboard: Film excepts for the wounger viewer. Includes for the younger viewer. Includes a feature on the adventure film Hawk the Slayer, with interviews with Jack Palance and Johny Terry.

12.30 A Better Read: Bill Grundy presents another of his books programmes. Today, a look at romancic novels. With filly Cooper and Kay Thorne giving their choices. Interviews with Rachel Anderson and Dr Peter Mann. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thannes news. 1.30 Together: Serial about life in a block of firsts. Martha: Finch (Kachleen Byron) digs more deeply into Edward Fuller's worried state. Raymond Francis plays Fuller. 2.00 After Noon Ptus: With 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news. 6.30 Thames sport: The prospects for the weekend. London Weekend

7.00 Family Fortunes : Quiz, com-

And Desmona Lynam's Specialistic (at 6.45).

7.00 The Superstars: The second heat of this year's series. From Paterborough. With Mike Channon, Gary Owen and Frank Gray (footballers), Andy Ripley and Roger Utiley (rugby), Desmond Douglas (table tennis). Dave "Boy" Green (boxing) and Konrad Bertelshi (skilng). At Box is: the Ferguson Trooby. includes visits to Hampton Court, and St James's Palace (r).
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assesses the prospects for a smooth transition from a Carter to a Reagan administration.

9.00 Playhouse: One Hundred and Eighty I 1! Comedy, by Rita May, set in the North, h's about a group of women who stage a sit-in at a pub because they are sick of taking second place to darts matches. The cast consists largely of artistics from the norlargely of artistes from the nor-thern club circuits (see Personal Choice).

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10.00 International Darts: High-lights from today's semi-final games in the Embassy World Pro-iessional Championship. The final takes place tomorrow. From follees Cipt, Stoke-on-Trent. More at 11.30. 10.45 Newsnight: All the day's news, with the most important stories analysed in detail. 11.30 International Darts: More highlights from today's sames in highlighes from today's games in the Embassy World Professional Championship. Introduced by Peter Purves.

replies from members of the public. 7.30 Vegas: The private detective (Robert Urich) tries to get Bea (Phyllis Davies) to post-

pone her wedding.

8.30 The Gaffer: Comedy series, with Bill Maynerd as the boss of a troubled light engineering factory. Tonight: he finds himself on strike outside his own works, Also starting Russell Hunter, Pat Ashton, Leslie Sarony. Asboon, Lesile Sarony.

9.00 The Good Companions:
Final episode of this adaptation,
with music, of the J. B. Friesley
povel about an itinerant concert
party. Tonight, they reach the
end of the road. With Judy Cornwell as Elizabeth Trant. (See
Personal Choice.)

10.00 News. 10.30 Benson:
Comedy series about a black
butler (Robert cultianne). Tonight; the case of the vanished
Russian chess master.

11.00 The London Programme;
The trend towards private medicine in London. The programme

cine in Loudon. The programme asks: will the present boom underwine the National Health Service? The reporter is Mile Chaplin.
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Smetana Line.† 10.05 Chamber music: Couperin, Rameau, Kodaly.† 11.05 Brass band: Musgrave, T. Wilson, Bourgeois.†
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2.45 Late Brahms,†
3.50 Talk (Tureck): Performing
Style in Bach.†
4.20 BBC Singers/Poole: Warlock,
G. Bush, Rutter, Moeran, Grain-

ger, Arnold.†
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5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
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INNES.—On January 15th, suddenly in Walford, Jean, aged 89, widow of Robert Faraday Junus and dearly loved mother of Allson, Jim, John and Maureen, Funcial Garsian crematorium Wednerday, January 21st 4t 2 p.m. Family flowers only but Gonationa, if desired, to British Rheumeilism and Arthritis Association, co 31 Casalobury Drive. Walford, Heris.

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n son, brother for Angus.

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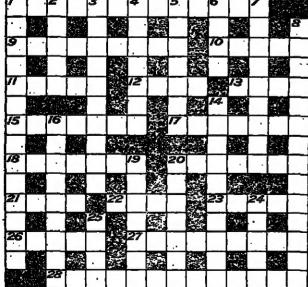
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15 Stays to reorganize the seminar (7).

17 Note incentive that's getting us worked up (7).

18 Raiders who came against one college (7).

20 Some call it hunting (5-2).

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6 Part of foot appearing to move slowly (4).

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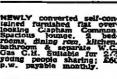
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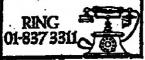
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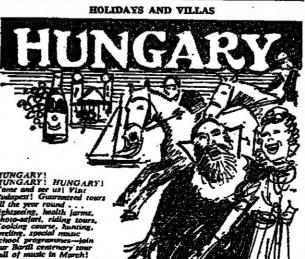
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